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ARCHITECT

July 14, 2011

Chairman John Lemmo  
San Diego Historical Resources Board  
202 C Street, MS 4A  
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Fat City Lofts Historical Designation

Dear Historical Resources Board,

Jonathan Segal Architect and GLJ Partners (“Developer”) as authorized agent for the property owner (Fat Family) and Save our Heritage Organization (“SOHO”) have reached a design solution that saves and restores the Fat City Restaurant to its original 1941 Tops appearance everyone recognizes as a San Diego icon. During our current HRB continuance we have been closely and diligently working with SOHO to incorporate the Tops Diner into our new development. After multiple meetings with Bruce Coons we have received a SOHO board meeting approval for our design and restoration solution. Thus it has been agreed upon by all parties that we must not designate the building at this time. Instead, we have drafted an agreement between SOHO and the Developer stating that designation will be sought after restoration and reconstruction are successfully executed per the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Restoration and SOHO’s direct guidance.

This process has been successfully accomplished before with close cooperation between the Historical Resources Board Staff and the developer at the Paseo de Mission Hills Project. Upon completion this project not only successfully saved and restored the existing buildings it reinvigorated the neighborhood and won many preservation and development awards.

We look forward to the same success with the your Historical Resources Board & Staff, San Diego natives and the future San Diegans. Please recognize that both SOHO and the Developer intend to save this building and it is imperative that designation does not occur until after the complete restoration of the restaurant.

Thank you,

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Jonathan Segal FAIA  
Developer & Architect Fat City Property



Save Our Heritage Organisation  
*Saving San Diego's Past for the Future*

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July 12, 2011

Chairman John Lemmo  
City of San Diego HRB  
202 C Street, MS 4A  
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Tops/Fat City

Dear Mr. Lemmo,

We have reached an agreement with the developers to incorporate the Top's/Fat City building into the project and restore it to its 1941 appearance. This restored building will be submitted to your board for designation once the project is complete.

We and the people we represent are now in support of the original staff recommendation to not designate this property at this time. So, therefore we support a motion to not designate.

Sincerely,

Bruce Coons  
Executive Director

P.S. We believe this will allow an accurate restoration and reuse (they are talking about a new nightclub) that would not be otherwise possible.

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