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RE: Civic Center Revitalization Committee

Please share with the Committee, staff and public.

As the Committee considers the development of the Civic Center core, I offer the following comments:

1. It would be helpful for the committee to review the charge of the committee as described in the Mayor's September 14, 2022 creation and appointment letter. From my reading, I understand there to be four major objectives:
  - a. Gather public input and present a vision for the revitalization of the Civic Center;
  - b. Identify socioeconomic needs and opportunities for the city;
  - c. Ensure City staff can continue delivering world-class services to the people we serve; and
  - d. Shape the parameters for what will be a transformative catalyst for the civic core in Downtown.

I suggest scheduling periodic checkpoints to inform and update how the committee is moving forward on these specific objectives.

2. A discussion of the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) would be a benefit for the committee as they discuss the vision for the area. Quoting from the City web site: "The 2022 CAP establishes a community-wide goal of net zero by 2035, committing San Diego to an accelerated trajectory for greenhouse gas reductions". Thinking further out than the 2035 target, the redevelopment is an opportunity to establish, at a minimum, net zero and by thinking boldly set an objective for climate positive/carbon negative. Additionally, any development should require an offsite ecological effort including a commitment to plant trees to offset emissions to meet the City's tree canopy strategy.

I look forward to hearing the discussions regarding these comments and questions.



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