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> Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:47 PM

> To: Ackerman-Avila, Christopher <CAckermanAvi@saniego.gov>

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> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Draft Final Civic Center Revitalization

> Committee Report

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> Good evening, Christopher:

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> Thank you for sharing the draft Civic Center Revitalization Committee.

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> I suggest it be updated to reflect the testimony given under public comment by labor leaders seeking for our local workforce to be included in this development.

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> The solicitation for interest and/or RFP should reference the pursuit and adoption of labor peace and a project labor agreement that achieves employment of a local skilled and trained workforce with apprenticeship opportunities.

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> Here is a copy of the testimony I shared with the Committee on December 12th:

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> Gretchen Newsom on behalf of IBEW 569 and our 3,600 union electricians and power professionals - here to thank the Committee on your good work to pursue a revitalization of Civic Center.

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> As you continue to develop your strategies to redevelop the entire site - we hope that it will include a New City Hall - one that San Diego can be proud of as a gem of democracy - but also adopt the big picture vision that this site could be a transit hub or possibly a Union Station with mixed use of critically needed workforce housing and office space and retail.

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> And most importantly to IBEW 569 and our Building Trades brothers and sisters is that the Civic Center be redeveloped under a Project Labor Agreement that creates local jobs and quality construction careers with apprenticeship opportunities for local San Diegans. A PLA - with all the community benefits and economic benefits of investing funds back into the local workforce - should be expected and required under a public, private, or public-private partnership for this development.

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> Our members are looking forward to building a new Civic Center and to proudly pointing out their work to their children and children's children.

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> Thank you for your service - we look forward to partnering with you on this very important project.

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Hello! Thank you for responding. Just one other suggestion. How about a space for displaying SD history? A gallery? Or a dedicated wall? Also there used to be a small shop that sold books about SD as well as historical trinkets. In the dos e where the Passport office is now. A similar shop connected to a coffee shop would be nice and also generate revenue.

Thanks for listening!

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> From: fanny garvey <acuera@gmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:52 PM

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> Hello,

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> Thank you for sharing the draft report. My suggestion is that there be an emphasis on tree installation and green space in this project. We are sorely lacking trees and green space downtown. Given the amount of high rises, concrete and glass structures in the downtown area, the urban heat island effect raises the temperature significantly. Additionally, the unrestricted use of cars increases air pollution and downtown smells bad and has horrible air quality. Trees and green space will help alleviate these issues somewhat. Finally, please make the space a truly public one — no corporate food/coffee chains, install public bathrooms, seating, and venues for public events.

> Thank you.

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>> On Jan 24, 2023, at 10:35, Ackerman-Avila, Christopher <CAckermanAvi@sandiego.gov> wrote:

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>> <Draft Final CCRC Report.pdf>

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Initial Comment on Draft Final Civic Center Revitalization Committee Report

In the draft conclusion:

“Finally, beyond a new City Hall and desperately needed housing, through the Notice of Availability process called for under the Surplus Land Act, **potential developers will have an opportunity to reimagine** the area to include a revitalized theatre and entertainment venue, restaurants, open space and much more.”

“Have an opportunity to reimagine the area” is far too weak. Developers responding to a new Notice of Availability must be required to visualize a revitalized theatre and entertainment venue, restaurants, and open space and include those visionary items in any proposals they submit in response to the city’s NOA. They should also be required to detail how they plan to make all the elements in their proposals as energy and water efficient as possible.

Don Wood, Sr. Policy Advisor

Pacific Energy Policy Center

Former member, City of San Diego’s Transit Oriented Development Task Force that drafted the city’s first TOD ordinance and rules.

Former member, City Clean Water task force that drafted the city’s 2005 Water Reuse Study Report that helped create the city’s current Pure Water Program wastewater repurification and reuse efforts.

Former Co-Chairman, City of San Diego’s 1990 City Parks and Open Space Bond Committee

Former President and Energy and Water Committee Chair, Citizen’s Coordinated for Century 3 (C-3)