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DISTRICT 7 ADVISORY COUNCIL ENDORSES NEW DOWNTOWN LIBRARY AND CITY HALL

The Citizens Advisory Council for Seventh District City Councilmember Marti Emerald says the City of San Diego should build a new downtown library and City Hall.

The 20 member Advisory panel met with the Councilmember and an official from the Mayor's office this weekend, pouring over the two controversial proposals. They studied the plans, researched the finances and interviewed the Mayor's staff. After lengthy discussion, the Advisory Council voted overwhelmingly to approve the library and Phase One of the Civic Center Complex, which is the new City Hall only, no private development.

While the panel expressed concerns about the City's \$179 Million budget deficit, the members generally agreed these projects would create needed jobs, provide valuable public resources, and save the City money in the long-term.

The District 7 Advisory Council is an advisory body the Councilmember created to better work with neighborhoods in District 7. "Participants comprise a diverse cross-section of the District and serve as an additional set of eyes and ears in the neighborhoods of District-7," said the Councilmember. Marti Emerald meets with the Advisory Council on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and concerns in the community.

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