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Del Mar City Council Members

Subj: City Hall Building Project and the DRB Recommendations

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City of Del Mar
Administrative Services Dept.

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

We are writing to you as Del Mar residents and immediate neighbors of the proposed City Hall Building. There are still unanswered questions and decisions we would like to be addressed at tonight's meeting

Over-built structures and areas designated "future development," will directly impact the privacy and quality of life of the immediate neighbors of this project. With so many unknowns and unanswered questions, the proposed size and function of the Town Hall building is a concern with the neighborhood. We ask that Town Hall events be limited in use to local City business and City non-profit events **during business hours only**. We also request that the Town Hall facility be **restricted from being rented out for any commercial or private use**. It seems that every time the following question is asked: "what and who will be having meetings in this Town Hall? The answer we have been given is always the same response: "It's up to the City Council."

There are far too many unanswered questions being left up to the City Council to decide at a later date. The unanswered questions need to be addressed **NOW** not later, and definitely before construction begins. The following are questions and outstanding issues the neighbors would like answered tonight:

- Why so many parking spaces? Is the City planning on renting or leasing back" our spaces in the future? (This question needs to be answered for the record. If the answer is yes, then the residents should be able to weigh in on this decision. If the answer is no, then state that for the record.)
- Why is the Town Hall Building so big? Is this building being constructed as some sort of revenue builder? If so, again the residents need to weigh in on this decision.
- What is being decided on the southern City Hall and Town Hall overlook areas? There is no reason to have these designated areas with the negative impact on the privacy and wellbeing of the nearby neighbors. There are numerous other areas that employees can eat their lunch or have employee-only get-togethers at on the property.
- Will the Council authorize the City to close 10th Street west of the parking entrance and form a cul-de-sac with mature landscaping? (By closing 10th Street, installing mature landscaping, and establishing the Historical Del Mar 10th Street, this would take care of many concerns with this development project. This would convey that the City is willing to make some improvements and to guarantee that our privacy is important and will not be taken away).

- Please clarify the term “Future Use.” (There has been mention of restaurants and or cafes?)

In summary, we agree to build a New City Hall. 10th Street is the Historical ‘Downtown’ of Del Mar and this area needs to be respected and preserved. We would love to have the Alvarado House settled back ‘home’ on 10th Street where future generations can learn and appreciate how Del Mar got its start in San Diego County back in 1889..

Please remember, the decision you make tonight not only will affect the residents of Del Mar financially for many years, but over the next two years we will be living with large trucks in the neighborhood tearing up our roads, unbearable noise in our homes, dust, dirt, odors, and just the hassle of finding parking in front of our homes. We therefore implore the City Council keep an open mind to our concerns and possible solutions and do the right thing.

Respectfully,

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