

CORRESPONDENCE

August 15, 2016
626 South Arroyo Boulevard
Pasadena, CA 91105

Dear Mayor and Members of the Pasadena City Council,

My friend David Gebhard, a professor of architectural history at UC Santa Barbara, was a great admirer of the plan of the Pasadena Civic Center. I remember that he used to say that it rivaled Sir Edwin Lutyen's plan for the city of New Delhi in India.

Now it would seem that we are talking about giving away public property in order to feed thoughtless commercialism. Pasadena's Civic Center plan will be seriously damaged.

I favor protecting the park and trees, instead of encouraging the building of another hotel. Let us not destroy the integrity of the plan.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert Winter
Emeritus Professor of History, Occidental College
Co-author of *An Architectural Guidebook to Los Angeles*



August 11, 2016

Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Council
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109

Re: Kimpton Hotel/YWCA Building

Dear Mayor Tornek and Pasadena City Council,

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce is keenly aware and concerned about the disposition of the historic Julia Morgan YWCA Building in Pasadena. This is a treasure that the City of Pasadena should preserve.

We are also aware of the history of the building and its decline over the past few decades. The building is at risk of further deterioration if something is not done to restore and fortify the existing structure. The loss of this significant building would be a great tragedy and an unalterable scar on Pasadena's downtown and Civic Center.

Understanding that, the Pasadena Chamber is very supportive of the proposed Kimpton Hotel project. Kimpton has committed to restoring and resurrecting the existing Julia Morgan YWCA Building as part of its hotel project in the Civic Center. In addition, the new hotel will provide much needed rooms in the heart of Pasadena, close to the Convention Center, Old Pasadena and the Playhouse District and our commercial core. Proximity to these destinations in our downtown will facilitate walking in Pasadena and bring customers to other local businesses, such as our retailers and restaurants.

Kimpton Hotels are a first-rate organization that specializes in developing and running hotels in as an exceptional experience. Their hotels are among the best regarded in the country and are sometimes destinations in themselves. Further, Kimpton respects local built environments and work to be assets in the cities where they are located.

Absent the investment from Kimpton Hotels, I am very concerned that the Julia Morgan YWCA Building could be lost to neglect and deterioration should the City of Pasadena have to restart the process to define the appropriate use of the building and find another developer with vision to create a destination in Pasadena that is compatible with our Civic Center and supports the local economy.

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce fully supports the Kimpton Hotel project in our Civic Center and believes this is the best proposal the City will find to restore the existing building while adding positive amenities to our downtown. We encourage the City Council to support the project as proposed by the developer.

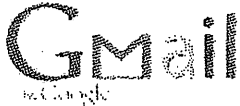
Thank you for your consideration and service to Pasadena.

Sincerely,



Paul Little
President and Chief Executive Officer

Cc: S. Mermell, D. Reyes, E. Duyshart



Chuck Livingstone <realtor@chucklivingstone.com>

Re: UFAC meeting ON 8/3/16

Chuck Livingstone <realtor@chucklivingstone.com>

Mon, Aug 1, 2016 at 1:55 PM

To: cperetz@cityofpasadena.net, kgraham@cityofpasadena.net, Brooke Larson <blg2030@aol.com>, John Poer <toyboy922@sbcglobal.net>, Pat Lyon <lyonessp@msn.com>, Suzi Miller <suziqtoday@gmail.com>, Betty Cooper <bbcooper@pacbell.net>, David Grimes <davidgrimes1@aol.com>, Polly Wheaton <pollywheaton@att.net>, Angie O'Brien <angiebrien@att.net>, Betsey Tyler <betsey75@earthlink.net>, Wendy Crowley <bonapartemom@gmail.com>, Hilary Clark <hilary_clark@hotmail.com>, Julie Russell <jr530@sbcglobal.net>, Chandra King <kingchandra08@gmail.com>, Matthew Biggins <mattbiggins@gmail.com>, Nadine Danz <nadine.danz@sothebyshomes.com>, Page Jackson <pagejackson@sbcglobal.net>, Sally Doll <sallymdoll@gmail.com>, Victoria Bell <vbel@socal.r.com>, pasadenalas@yahoo.com, summerglen320@aol.com, caryn.hofer@gmail.com, emina <emina@earthlink.net>, fncjs@earthlink.net

Charles Perstz,

Just received the information regarding the UFAC meeting on the 3rd of August to discuss the findings regarding the trees located on the Pasadena YMCA grounds.

I want to introduce myself as the new incoming President of Pasadena Beautiful Foundation (PBF). We work together with the City of Pasadena to plant trees in vacant parkway sites, upgrade the size of planted trees, respond to resident requests for a few trees or coordinate major projects for hundreds of trees.

Our mission statement: PBF works with individuals, community organizations and the City to restore, renew and protect Pasadena's parks, urban forests and public spaces.

Referencing the Pasadena YMCA redevelopment into a Kimpton Hotel & Restaurant we are *opposed* to the removal of the healthy trees as outlined in the Memorandum - City of Pasadena Department of Public Works dated August 3, 2016 which recommends that all 36 trees be removed. The report further identifies 13 as deceased or other issues, but 23 trees remain healthy. We *do not* want to see the removal of these healthy trees.

If you need to contact me for further discussion, I can be reached at 626-356-8124, direct line, or cell 626-641-1264.

Best Regards,



Charles "Chuck" Livingstone Realtor

O: (626) 584-0050
C: (626)-641-1264
Realtor@ChuckLivingstone.com
388 S. Lake Ave. Pasadena, Ca. 91101

www.ChuckLivingstone.com



Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage



Chuck Livingstone <realtor@chucklivingstone.com>

Re: UFAC meeting ON 8/3/16

Bette Cooper <bbcooper@pacbell.net>

Tue, Aug 2, 2016 at 11:53 AM

To: Chuck Livingstone <realtor@chucklivingstone.com>, cperetz@cityofpasadena.net, kgraham@cityofpasadena.net, Brooke Larson <big2030@aol.com>, John Poer <toyboy922@sbcglobal.net>, Pat Lyon <lyonessp@msn.com>, Suzi Miller <suziqtoday@gmail.com>, David Grimes <davidgrimes1@aol.com>, Polly Wheaton <pollywheaton@att.net>, Angie O'Brien <angieobrien@att.net>, Betsey Tyler <betsey75@earthlink.net>, Wendy Crowley <bonapartemom@gmail.com>, Hilary Clark <hilary_clark@hotmail.com>, julie russell <jr530@sbcglobal.net>, Chandra King <kingchandra08@gmail.com>, Matthew Biggins <mattbiggins@gmail.com>, nadine danz <nadine.danz@sothebyshomes.com>, page jackson <pagejackson@sbcglobal.net>, Sally Doll <sallymdoll@gmail.com>, Victoria Bell <vbel@socal.rr.com>, pasadenalas@yahoo.com, summerklen320@aol.com, caryn.hofer@gmail.com, emina <emina@earthlink.net>, fincjs@earthlink.net

Chuck,

As a former President of Pasadena Beautiful Foundation and a continuing Board member, your message is most important and one that distinguishes the existence of Pasadena Beautiful, literally and figuratively. Why is Pasadena such a popular destination for so many developers and hoteliers? It is a healthy City in which to live and to visit. The reason; Truly, it is the trees! Save them.

Thank you Chuck.

Bette

----- Original Message -----

From: Chuck Livingstone**To:** cperetz@cityofpasadena.net ; kgraham@cityofpasadena.net ; Brooke Larson ; John Poer ; Pat Lyon ; Suzi Miller ; Betty Cooper ; David Grimes ; Polly Wheaton ; Angie O'Brien ; Betsey Tyler ; Wendy Crowley ; Hilary Clark ; julie russell ; Chandra King ; Matthew Biggins ; nadine danz ; page jackson ; Sally Doll ; Victoria Bell ; pasadenalas@yahoo.com ; summerklen320@aol.com ; caryn.hofer@gmail.com ; emina ; fincjs@earthlink.net**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2016 1:55 PM**Subject:** Re: UFAC meeting ON 8/3/16

[Quoted text hidden]

232 Avenue 64
Pasadena, CA 91105

August 9, 2016

RE: Entitlements for Kimpton Hotel/YWCA Project

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Unfortunately, I will be out of town and unable to attend your meeting on August 15. However, I continue to be very interested and hopeful that the YWCA can be successfully rehabilitated in a way that does not require building on public open space in the heart of the Civic Center. My recent six-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission is a demonstration of my keen appreciation of the need to preserve our historic heritage.

I have reviewed the Final EIR and the report to the Planning Commission by City staff recommending that you support this development, including Alternative 2A in the EIR. While I find 2A to be a slight improvement over the original project and the variation of 2A described in the staff report to be a further improvement, I still have significant objections and concerns. As some of you know, I am a professional city planner, and I worked for almost 14 years in the City of Pasadena Planning Department. My background leads me to believe that some of the findings recommended in the staff report are contrary to law and to Pasadena's previous precedents.

Loss of Open Space:

When I worked for the City, this open space between Garfield Avenue and the YWCA was one of my picnic spots for lunchtime relaxation. Those Sister City Gardens have one of the best views of our fabulous City Hall, and I cannot think of another open space in Pasadena with a better view. Instead of trying once again to develop Centennial Plaza, let's spend just a fraction of that money upgrading the landscaping and seating area in this important downtown green space.

This open space was purchased by a bond issue authorized by the voters of Pasadena in 1923. It is protected by numerous guidelines and objectives in City plans, to name just a couple:

- The Open Space and Conservation Element states that one of the City's key issues is to create more parks in the Central District (page 11), and a goal on page 13 is to "Preserve, Acquire and Create Open Space."
- The Central District Specific Plan has a Public Open Space Concept map on page 85 showing Garfield Avenue from Green Street to Walnut Street, as well as Holly Street, as a "Civic Promenade," which specifically supports the goal of preserving the 90-year-old open space along the promenade.

The EIR and the staff report tout how the project brings jobs and economic development to downtown, thereby meeting generic City objectives; however, the Council should not overlook the ones that encourage open space preservation. Beyond whether the loss of open space is considered a significant

impact in the context of CEQA, it seems **impossible to argue that the open space is surplus property that the public does not need** in light of the goals listed above. The staff report to the Planning Commission acknowledged on page 9 that no park land has ever been declared surplus before in Pasadena; while this site may not be a dedicated park, it certainly feels like a park.

Noise issues from the proposed loading zone mitigation measure:

The Final EIR refuses to evaluate the noise that would be created by its own mitigation measure requiring loading on Union Street only between 2 AM and 5 AM because that loading zone might not be needed. If the developer does not show a code-compliant loading zone to the City Council on August 15, then there is every likelihood that all six code-required loading spaces **will** be on Union Street between 2 AM and 5 AM providing linens, furniture, office supplies, candy and soda pop for vending machines, food for the restaurants, cleaning supplies, trash removal, etc. etc. It defies logic to create such a noisy situation on the hotel's own guests, as well as on the future residents of an approved condominium project on the other side of the street. We can all imagine the noise from opening and closing roll up doors, hand carts over curb thresholds and sidewalks, boxes being moved in and out of trucks, etc. If the developer cannot devise a safe and quiet method of bringing supplies to his development, he will not have 185 rooms to rent because word will spread among the public that the rooms along Union Street are noisy at night. Will the City still be able to recoup its investment if one-third of the hotel rooms are class B? Please keep in mind how busy these six loading zones will be when 24 hours of operation are crammed into three hours.

In spite of statements in Final EIR Responses 9-23 and 17-25 that there are no existing uses that are sensitive to noise, the EIR fails to adequately evaluate the noise impacts of the proposed mitigation measure because a sensitive receptor (i.e. the hotel residents themselves) **is part of the project**. Noise impacts on people who will use a project are clearly within the scope of CEQA and even listed in the Initial Study checklist. (See Initial Study in Appendix A of the DEIR: "15. NOISE. Will the project result in:
a. **Exposure of persons to** or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?" (bolding added)

Variance for Loading Zones

Not only are the loading zones noisy and unsound, the findings cannot be made for approval of this variance. Finding 49 requires that "there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applicable to the project site that do not apply generally to sites in the same zoning district." Note that the exceptional circumstance must apply to the project site, not to the project. Staff contends that the applicant has a right to reduce the on-site loading requirements from six full-size loading zones, as required by the zoning code, to one short loading zone, or even to zero. However, the required finding cannot be made. The staff report to the Commission stated that there is not enough room for the loading zones because of the existence of the YWCA and certain unspecified landscaping. However, the staff report did not recognize the possibility of underground or semi-subterranean loading spaces under the new building. I see no reason why that land is not available on this site, especially when the project already proposes removing 34 of 61 protected trees. Such loading zones are commonplace in Pasadena and other urban areas of Southern California. Therefore, this variance should not be approved.

Approval of the proposed loading zones will create noise for both the hotel residents and the future condominium residents to the south between 2 AM and 5 AM. This factor violates Finding 51 by being "injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity of the development site, or to the public health, safety, or general welfare."

Number of Parking Spaces

The project has no provisions for parking for employees of the hotel and restaurant or for restaurant guests or for ballroom guests. Has the Council seen the shared parking study prepared by the City's Dept. of Transportation in August, 2015? The study blithely presumes that all of the employees can find parking places at the Paseo Colorado or elsewhere in the downtown. While many restaurant-goers and banquet-goers will use the valet option, the study does not require that the hotel find any unused parking for them, only for hotel guests. The Council should ask staff where such conditions have been approved elsewhere in Pasadena, outside of parking districts like Old Pasadena where owners are paying into a joint solution. The shared parking study finds a need for only 90 parking spaces for the hotel, restaurant and banquet facilities in total; that is the number that Kimpton must lease.

The EIR says the hotel will generate 240 jobs. Assuming that most of those will be hospitality workers who work during the day, there could be 180 more people working downtown during the day. If 30% use public transit, there would still be 125 more motorists in need of a parking place during the day. The restaurant has 140 seats, which indicates a need for 50 to 70 parking spaces just for the restaurant. Will the restaurant be open at the same time as there are banquets in the ballroom? Surely it will. Adding all the parking needs together comes to a total of 400 perhaps, not 90, and 275 of those cars will be served by a substandard and dangerous valet zone on Marengo Avenue. I can easily see a situation where the lack of parking on-site makes this hotel unpopular in comparison with other Pasadena hotels. How, then, would the City recoup its investment?

Variance for First Floor Height

The findings for approval of this variance also cannot be made. The staff's proposed findings for Finding 44 and 48 are in conflict. In Finding 44, staff says that the need to rehab the YWCA means that there are a certain number of hotel rooms that must be designed into the project. However, complying with the first floor height would eliminate one floor of hotel rooms and conflict with the economics required to rehab the Y. In Finding 48, the proposed findings say cost is not the sole reason for requesting the variance. If the whole argument is about the economics of the project, these statements are in conflict.

Furthermore, Finding 44 requires that "there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applicable to the project site that do not apply generally to sites in the same zoning district." Staff cites the existence of the YWCA as the exceptional circumstance because it already has a tall first floor that can be used for the hotel lobby, restaurant and ballroom. However, as Planning staff told me recently in regard to another project, there must be a nexus between the exceptional circumstance and the variance request, and there is none in this case. How does the YWCA's existence make it difficult or impossible for the hotel to have a 15-foot minimum first floor height? It doesn't. Indeed, the tall first

floor of the YWCA **encourages** the addition to have tall first floors for design compatibility, rather than discouraging meeting the zoning code.

Finding 45 is also insufficiently made; it does not state what property right there is that the applicant is being denied if they have to build a 15' first floor height. Comparison to the economics of other hotels is not supported by evidence that these other hotels do not have 15' high first floors or do not comply with this code.

Postponement of findings regarding the Tree Protection Ordinance:

In the past, whenever the Planning Commission, the Zoning Hearing Officer, the Design Commission or the Historic Preservation Commission approved a development project, there was a finding made on page one of the staff report that the project complied with the Tree Protection Ordinance based on an analysis of the project submittal. (For example, see the notices for CUP 6299 and HDP 6420 in the Zoning Hearing Officer's agenda for July 6.) Why is no such finding required in this case? Why is staff giving preferential and inconsistent treatment to this project? How is staff able to assure the Council and the public in this case that everything will be fine when no details are presented at all? Approval without review of a Tree Protection Plan at this time is inconsistent with City policy and improper. I am personally aware of all of the work involved in reviewing tree removals for the Ambassador West project, for which I was the case manager; this work was accomplished prior to any other approvals.

Blocking Views from approved Condominiums to the South:

Several Findings, such as Findings 8 and 14 for the CUP to allow a Hotel on this site, require view protection. These Findings state, "The design, location, operating characteristics, and size of the proposed use would be compatible with the **existing and future land uses** in the vicinity, in terms of aesthetic values, character, scale, and **view protection**. (bolding added)." The staff's recommended finding in the Planning Commission report said, "There are no existing land uses to the south of the project that would have views of the mountains to the north blocked by the proposed project." This is probably true; however, staff ignores the **future** condominium land use just 60 feet to the south that has already been approved by the City; their views will undoubtedly be affected, and mostly blocked completely. For some reason staff has ignored half of the criteria in this finding, i.e. future land uses. Therefore, a positive response to Findings 8 and 14 cannot be made for the project.

Alcoholic Beverages pose a Problem:

Finding 17 requires consideration of whether approval of alcoholic beverages will "detrimentally affect the nearby surrounding area" especially considering "residential uses," parks, schools, churches, etc. The proposed finding fails to recognize the existence of Centennial Place, just north of the project. Centennial Place is housing for formerly homeless persons operated by Union Station. Many formerly homeless persons are recovering alcoholics or recovered alcoholics. The site not only proposes a full bar inside the facility, but also **outdoor dining and drinking** in the public property right across the street from the entrance to Centennial Place. In order to keep from encouraging Centennial Place residents from being attracted to the bar, staff has appropriately recommended Condition #24 that prohibits

alcohol sales to people other than hotel guests and restaurant or banquet patrons. However, an additional condition of approval is needed to bar any alcohol on patios visible from the Centennial Place residence. The residents of Centennial Place who have committed to abstaining from a habit they loved in the past should not have to see hotel patrons imbibing and enjoying alcohol when they enter or leave their homes at Centennial Place.

Valet Parking:

The City Council should be asking how well the valet parking will function. This hotel is totally dependent on valet parking, and its valet drop-off area is crammed in next to a busy arterial street with a Class 3 bike route in downtown Pasadena. The valet turnout is considerably smaller than the Westin, Sheraton, Marriott Courtyard, and Hilton Hotels in Pasadena even though those also have self-parking available. Yet the City has been given no technical analysis about how effectively the valet parking will operate for not only hotel guests, but also for banquet and restaurant guests. This valet parking sounds like a feature that will soon bring the proposed four-star hotel down a notch, as well as create untold issues for traffic in the area. When we asked for evaluation of the effectiveness of the valet parking (the EIR resolutely refuses to provide an iota of analysis (e.g. responses 17-27 and 9-14). The public is told that the applicant will prepare a Valet Permit plan to be reviewed later by City staff. This is a critical matter for this project that needs to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council before approving the project. Ignoring it in the EIR makes the EIR inadequate. Ignoring it as part of the CUP review and approval process is also inappropriate.

Other EIR inadequacies:

I am not satisfied with the responses in the FEIR to several of the environmental concerns that I and others raised in comment letters, including:

- Cumulative loss of character-defining open spaces in the heart of the Civic Center both south and north of Holly Street is a significant environmental impact on the National Register District. On page 3-10, the EIR admits that the design integrity of the district is affected.
- Traffic safety impacts from the valet parking zone
- Removing all landscaping and trees on Marengo frontage and narrowing sidewalk contradicts the landscape theme of the Civic Center and damages the face of the YWCA and should be considered a significant impact
- Lack of review of aesthetics
- Massiveness of the hotel addition subordinates the historic YWCA building.

It seems that, based on Response 3-3 in the Final EIR, the City and its EIR consultants are bending over backwards to avoid saying there are any significant impacts because doing so would mean the City and Kimpton would not be able to continue to hide the economics of the project.

Recouping the City's Investment:

There has been much discussion about how the City wants to recoup its investment in the YWCA as soon as possible, and how inclusion of the Garfield open space will enable the City to recoup its investment

more quickly. There has been little mention about how inclusion of this open space asset is **increasing** the City's investment in the project. I have heard **no** public statements about whether the Kimpton developers plan to use the federal government's 20% historic rehabilitation tax credits for the project, and staff indicated to me that they do not plan to use these federal benefits. Since the YWCA is on the National Register, the project is supremely qualified for the tax credits. These credits are not competitive, like the low-income housing tax credits. They are there for the taking. When I worked in Memphis, virtually every project downtown took advantage of them. The City should be requiring that the developer take advantage of the 20% tax credits. Doing so might just be the win-win we need, perhaps giving the developer the same return from 20% less units, thereby preserving this needed open space.

Conclusion:

I appreciate the Council's devotion to the City, the YWCA and the Civic Center and thank you for reading my letter and considering the points I have made. So, what is the solution? I think back to the Heritage Square project that is being built on Fair Oaks Avenue just north of Orange Grove Blvd. This beautiful project took 20 years and three or four RFP's and developers to come to fruition. Meantime, the historic Decker House on that site stood vacant; but it will now be rehabbed as part of Phase II. The City needs to follow that example, keep the roof and windows of the YWCA tight, and put the project out for new bids since Kimpton says they cannot economically build without the public open space as well as the YWCA parcel. How much money did the City spend in 1923 in today's dollars for our benefit without trying to sell any of the land it purchased to the private sector to recoup its investment? The City should follow the example of our citizenry in 1923 and not attempt to recoup all of the \$8.3 million dollars right away.

Thank you for your interest in the points I have made.

Sincerely,

Darrell Cozen

darrell@planningventures.com

626-676-7811

Avram Dean Gold

To: Mayor Terry Tornek
Council Member Tyron Hampton
Council Member Margaret McAustin
Council Member John Kenndy
Council Member Gene Masuda
Council Member Victor Gordo
Council Member Steve Madison
Council Member Andy Wilson
City Manager Steve Mermel
Director of Planning David Reyes
Project Manager Planner Kevin Johnson

August 10, 2016

Dear Mayor, Council Members and Staff:

Did you know: KHP Capital Partners is a private equity firm that buys undervalued properties, develops them into hotels and then sells them.

We may be debating the merits of the "YWCA/Kimpton Hotel" project but we are no longer partnering with Kimpton Hotels, nor the InterContinental Hotel Group which acquired them. We are dealing with the independent private equity firm KHP Capital Partners. It is headed by Mike Depatie who left Kimpton as CEO after negotiating his hotel chain's acquisition in 2015.

When Depatie left Intercontinental Hotel Group, he immediately started an investment company that develops owns and manages multiple hotel brands. It's primary purpose demands that it serves its investors first and make as much profit as possible by acquiring below market value properties for the lowest down payment, developing them and then selling them.

"We are value-add guys," Depatie said. "We buy good assets, in good markets, below replacement cost and at low leverage. We are not interested in putting projects in place at replacement cost. That strategy works."

Though KHP's structure is sturdy, its strategy can be characterized as one based on breakage. KHP's expertise lies in finding underperforming assets, then recapitalizing and repositioning them. "We buy stuff that's broken typically, fix it up, stabilize it, realize the value, then sell," Depatie said.

687 Arbor Street
Pasadena, Ca. 91105
Hm (626) 796-2766 Cell (818) 383-8606

Consider a yet-to-be-named hotel project in Pasadena, Calif. KHP is currently working through the city entitlement process to redevelop the Julia Morgan-designed YWCA building, adjacent to Pasadena City Hall... into a 176-room hotel.

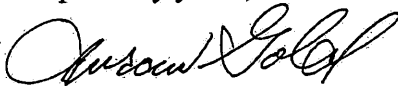
KHP is the largest owner of Kimpton properties. Twelve of its hotels that are currently open and operating are Kimptons, with five more on the way. Two others, the Hilton Key Largo (Fla.) and DoubleTree in Washington, D.C., are currently being recapitalized and will re-emerge under Hilton Worldwide's Curio Collection.

HotelManagement.net, June 16, 2016

Understanding now that our hotel developer is an unregulated investment firm, has the City Manger's Office structured a deal that guarantees a high-end Kimpton Hotel be built across from City Hall and that it will NOT be sold in five years to the highest bidder?

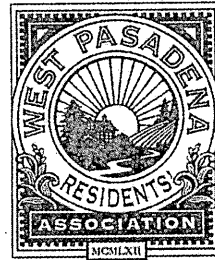
I hope you consider the ramifications of our business partner before automatically thinking this deal is the best option Pasadena can have.

Respectfully yours,



Avram Gold
West Pasadena Residents Association
Director of Land Use and Planning

(To read the entire KHP/Depatie story, search *HotelManagement.net Depatie* and go to the KHP website: www.khpcapitalpartners.com)



August 9, 2016

Dear Mayor Tornek, City Council Members, Commissioners and Staff:

The Board of West Pasadena Residents Association has voted to take a position on the WYCA/Kimpton Project. Having reviewed the information available to the public, as well as discussing the absence of Kimpton's build and operating expenses withheld from Pasadena's Commissions and residents, we concur that the redesigned preferred Alternative 2A [with 179 to 185 rooms, a new building size of 91,000 Sq/ft. and a 30-40 setback] cannot and should not be evaluated without a thorough explanation describing why the hotel has to be the size it is. Aesthetically the WPRA would prefer a smaller building complex with a deeper setback on Garfield Avenue facing City Hall.

The WPRA advocates that the City Council postpone its vote on the proposed WYCA/Kimpton Hotel Alternative 2A and extend the time for the presentation of additional design options representing a smaller footprint complex further away from the Garfield Avenue sidewalk.

Thank you for considering our point of view.

Respectfully yours,

Kenyon Harbison
President
West Pasadena Residents Association

The WPRA is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in southwest Pasadena. We represent 7,000 households, including 1,000 paid members.

WEST PASADENA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
POST OFFICE BOX 50252 • PASADENA, CA 91115

Ann F. Scheid

11 August 2016

Mayor Terry Tornek and Members of the Pasadena City Council
Pasadena City Hall
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California 91109

Re: YWCA Project and Pasadena Civic Center

Dear Councilmembers:

Pasadena has a great legacy of architecture, from the Gamble House by the Greenes to Frank Lloyd Wright's Millard House. These buildings represent just the most obvious masterpieces that our City contains. Pasadena is littered with outstanding architecture, north, south, east and west, residential, institutional and commercial buildings alike.

Pasadena's Civic Center, however, is the greatest masterpiece of Pasadena, the best example of architectural excellence and city planning in our City. Recognized as nationally significant by the National Register of Historic Places and by the American Planning Association, our Civic Center is a collection of primarily institutional buildings and public parks that forms the center of our civic life.

Unlike most of the significant architecture in our city, the Civic Center is **public**. The City actually owns the two blocks facing City Hall, and therefore has a responsibility, as a Certified Local Government, to preserve and protect the historic fabric of this area. The opportunity to develop these properties to enhance the Civic Center and to strengthen civic, institutional, and public uses in the Civic Center is a once-in-a-generation chance to make change for the better.

Instead the City is now about to demolish a significant part of this legacy for the sake of revenue that may or may not materialize. City staff has re-interpreted history, ignoring the 1923 Bennett plan in favor of a 1925 version that was never approved either by the voters or by the City Council. In the past, Pasadena has succumbed to urban renewal projects, such as the shopping mall, which have laid waste to entire blocks and proved of dubious financial benefit.

We are all in the dark as to how much revenue is projected from this project. The meager information presented to the Planning Commission in July was challenged as incorrect by Commissioner Williamson. All that the citizens know is that the parkland was offered for free to the developer, although it has a current value of at least \$150 per square foot, and that the return on the YWCA investment will not be realized for up to 27 years.

Will this project significantly increase revenues to the City? Is it worth destroying the most significant architectural legacy we have? Is Pasadena so impoverished that we must give away our parks?

Sincerely,



Ann Scheid
Senior Planner, City of Pasadena
1978-1991

500 South Arroyo Boulevard
Pasadena, California 91105

Reese, Latasha

Subject: FW: In Support of Kimpton/YMCA Project

From: Matthew Goldman <matthew@goldmaninternet.com>

Subject: In Support of Kimpton/YMCA Project

Date: August 5, 2016 at 7:33:34 AM PDT

To: smadison@cityofpasadena.net, Andy Wilson <Andy@mvmpartners.com>

Cc: "Mermell, Steve" <smermell@cityofpasadena.net>, Eric Duyshart <edyshart@cityofpasadena.net>

Dear Steve and Andy-

I am a resident of Linda Vista (recent move and former resident of Andy's district). In addition, I lead a unit of Bankrate, Inc. that is expanding rapidly in Pasadena. We are pleased to be beginning construction this month on a new office in the Playhouse district enabling us to grow to 60 people (from our current 24 and our 13 at the start of 2016). (I should not this email is not written on behalf of my employer, just providing background.)

As both a resident and a business leader, I am in **strong support** of the hotel project near City Hall. The city suffers from a lack of high-quality business hotel, especially in the core district. We are often unable to get reasonable rates at the only quality 4-star hotel at the Westin. Having another hotel open nearby would be a great option to us, in addition to enabling revenue for the city and surrounding area.

The development of Old Pasadena and the Playhouse district, with its transit links, shopping and restaurants are precisely what drew me to locate my business in Pasadena and what will keep us there.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to offer my support, thanks and positive comments for both Steve Mermell and Eric Duyshart. They have been very helpful with our ongoing new office project. Our permits have been issued in what sounds like record time for Pasadena to the shock of our architect and contractors. We are excited to get started and are thrilled with the city's support.

Thanks,

Matthew

--

Matthew Goldman

323.383.6535 m

@magoldman

Name: Lin MAZEK
Address: 185 W WALNUT ST. PAS 91103

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/7/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
0 MORE Closed door meeting's.
Change the LANDSCAPE AROUND
CY HALL is CRIMINAL. PLEASE
NOT approve the hotel
project.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Virginia Paca
Address: 545 E. LAPERA ST

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: August 5, 2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
Pasadena is not so impoverished
that we have to give away our
parks & public spaces.
This is your legacy.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Michael Cornwell
Diane Cornwell
Address: 1 So Orange Ave # 2
Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, 91105 Date: 8-6-16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
Common sense
Preserve open space

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Phyllis Mueller
Address: 317 S. Orange Grove
Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
I sympathize with the decisions
you need to make. My
recommendation is to
1) start over or
2) approve option 2E

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

TERESA SALERNO
 807 BELVIDERE ST.
 Date: 08.06.16
 Terry Tornek,
 I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
 which is an important part of it:
 THE PARK BELONGS TO THE
 PEOPLE OF PASADENA -
 PLEASE HONOR THIS!!!
 BRINGED TO PASADENA BECAUSE OF
 RICH HISTORY - NOW IT SEEMS THAT
 DEVELOPMENT IS MORE OF A PRIORITY.
 Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
 from encroachment and save our parkland!

FOREVER!
 ONCE IT'S GONE - IT'S GONE

Name: Marilyn Brumder
 Address: 399 California Terrace
 Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8-6-16
 Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
 which is such an important part of it:
 We need green space throughout
 Pasadena and most needed
 is our Civic Center to continue
 the open area around our City
 Hall. *Marilyn Brumder*
 Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
 from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Britta Piotrowska
 Address: 409 W. Walnut / Orange Grove
 Village
 Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16
 Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
 which is such an important part of it:
 The beautiful approach to City Hall
 should not be compromised!
 Falling back on the Bennett Plan
 is RIDICULOUS in 2016! What mattered
 then has NO bearing on our current
 situation!
 NO CLOSED DOOR SESSIONS EITHER!

Name: PATRICIA E. WRIGHT
 Address: 295 E. ORANGE GROVE AVE
 SIERRA MADRE CA 91024
 Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16
 Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
 which is such an important part of it:
 this has been open space for 80 years and is
 an essential element of the "necklace"
 of parks around city center.
 Find an alternative space for development.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
 from encroachment and save our parkland!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center

JEFF TRAFICAN
000 CORDOVA ST. #305

Terry Tornek, Date: 08/06/2016

I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
an important part of it:
OPEN SPACE "OPEN SPACE" IS SUCH
A PART OF PASADENA. MOUNTAIN VIEWS
WITH MOUNTAINS. AN OPEN SPACE FEEL.
MORE BUILDING EXCEED 3 STORIES,
OPEN SPACE IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY
IMPORTANT

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Barbara J. Bell
239 S. Madison Ave #14
Pasadena 91101
Terry Tornek, Date: Aug 6, 2016

I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
an important part of it:
need this lovely park space,
a Sisters City tree. A huge blocky
I would ruin the wonderful view
in gorgeous City Hall — and what
respect for Jackie & Macks Robinson to
them looking like an ornament of the
Choose an alternative to preserve our park!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Carol Alenandy
Address: 540 E. Jackson St, Pasadena 91104

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:
1) CDSP + Open space + green space
element call for preserving existing
park/open space land
2) parking - Does not make sense that
a 175' hotel room must have park
How does this development affect
existing park in the Central District

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Joan AEB.
Address: 2027 Las Lunas

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:
Another give away? To
special interests - not
the people!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Diana Gavales
52 Esther St. Pasadena 91103

Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/2016

I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
an important part of it:
location is a central part of
area that should be mixed use,
ing the residents, as well as tourists.
area is rapidly losing its attractiveness
the touristy + private luxury resi-
please do NOT allow the R/15
we need more time + public input

protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

better design solution.

Russ Guiney, DIRECTOR LA COUNTY
PARKS, RETIRED

95 West Orange Grove Ave
Berkeley CA 94708

Terry Tornek, Date: 8-6-16

I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
an important part of it:
ALTHOUGH I DON'T LIVE IN
BERKELEY THIS IS AN IMPORTANT
AREA FOR THE ENTIRE REGION.
CREATES AN IMPORTANT SETTING
THE MAGNIFICENT CITY WALL. WITH
THE APARTMENTS GOING UP OPEN
IS AT A PREMIUM.

protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Jennipha Nielsen

Address: 1277 N. Garfield Ave #3
Pasadena CA 91102

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8.6.16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:

Please This is wrong
the help of the city, we
worked so hard for free

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: ANDREA AEBI

Address: 2027 Las Lunas

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:

we need to preserve
this park + the look
of the Civic Center

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Ed Reilly
2781 S. Kings Rd W., Palm Springs

Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:
- it's gone, it's gone! There's no
back. Our public parklands should
be preserved at all costs. Selling out
parklands is very short-sighted and
silly.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: BOB HUNTER
Address: 250 S. EL MOLINO APT 7
PASADENA, CA 91101
Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:
> Great for gathering - picnics,
Birthdays, parties, events, etc.
> Actually, need more green
space, trees around our
beautiful, majestic
city hall.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Eric Jensen
Address: 254 S. Madison Ave. #3

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:
The public spaces in Pasadena,
particularly the Civic Center Plaza,
are a critical part of what
makes Pasadena a great city to
live in. Please advocate to protect
our public spaces.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Misch Anderson
Address: 121 S. Wilson Ave #303 91106

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: Aug 6 2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:
The plans are totally out of scale and out
of keeping with the area, which is one of
the gems of Pasadena. The D will be disrupted
with our local and legacy.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Meena Pennington
442 N. Summit Ave

Terry Tornek, Date: 08/08/2016

I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is an important part of it:

This is the heart of our city
and we need you and city
to save this park.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Sally Stowers
Address: 1848 N. Michigan Ave

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: Aug 6 2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:

We cannot afford to lose the
trees, the shade, the open
space! The view of our historic
city hall!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Christine Fedukowski

Address: 601 E. Del Mar 91101

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8-6-16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:

The Civic Center is a treasure -
the gardens are so important to
its design and a place for me
to enjoy being outside.
This place MATTERS.
Do not destroy it. Thank you.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: MATT DILLHOEFER

Address: 1000 CORDOVA ST.

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:

THE PUBLIC'S PARKS MATTER!
THIS PLACE MATTERS!
NO DEVELOPMENT ON PUBLIC
OPEN SPACE!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Scoops Adamczyk
Address: 2056 N Garfield Av

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 6 Aug 2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
The city needs to Preserve its Heart!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Elaine BATES

Address:

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date:

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
I want to save this park it make this place look beautif & a place for us to sit & enjoy the dep.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Russell Melching
530 S. Lake Ave. #245
Pasadena, CA 91101
Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
This is a prime space and the City view should not be compromised in project. Do something w/ the YWCA Bldg.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: GINKO Ching Lee

Address: 2056 N. Garfield Ave Pasadena CA 91104

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8-6-2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
Because We can. Don't ruin the civic center under your watch Pasadena can do better.
Yes to 2 E!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Kristin and Jasper Reutimann
Address: 1361 Wicks Rd. Pasadena Ca 91103

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8-6-2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
The civic center is such a vital part of Pasadena. As the city continues to build upward and outward, our green spaces for community members to congregate and enjoy the outdoors decreases. Saving the existing area of the civic center would preserve the landscape and provide space for residents to enjoy.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Barbara Lamprecht
Address: 550 E. Jackson St.
Pasadena Ca 91104-3621

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
Pasadena is unique in the expansive elegant, handsome layout of our civic center. The park's approach and seatlines are world renowned. As urban congestion and climate change mark on the "lovely" of green becomes a moral imperative.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Lin Griffith
Address: 777 Colman St Altadena

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
This park commemorates such an important slice of Pasadena history and enjoys appropriate grade of place opposite City Hall. It embodies the civic pride of the people of Pasadena. It should not be sacrificed to a profit-motive by a private company.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Wes Reutimann
Address: 1361 Wicks Rd Pasadena 91103

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
The needless destruction of scarce green space in the Civic Center is not the legacy the Council should leave the next generation. Please preserve this special place!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

JANUARY NORDMAN
989 LEHIGH ST
ALTADENA, CA 91001
Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:

~~Mayor Tornek -
his park holds one of Pasadena's
real icons, plus ensures that open
spaces remain around the entrance of the
Hall.~~

~~We do not need another hotel that
destroys the landscape of our city.~~

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Magnus Haw
Address: 1200 E California Blvd.

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: Aug 6, 2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:

The current Civic Center and park is a special place
that will be sorely missed if compromised by a new development.
Very few cities have the open, welcoming public space that is
the current Civic Center. Please don't take away a historic
place that makes Pasadena unique!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center

Name: Raquel Sanchez
Address: 787 Lincoln Ave.

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:

Open space is
more attractive to visitors from
the LA area.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: George Korzen
Address: 787 Lincoln Ave.

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park
which is such an important part of it:

We need to maintain
open space.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center
from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: VERSON MARSH
 Address: 540 S. Euclid Ave, Unit 1A
PASADENA, CA 91101
 Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 08/06/14

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
It is important to retain the historic
charm of the Civic Center area.
A new hotel should not be built here.
The charm of Pasadena is its historic
buildings.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Lilly Marshall
 Address: 1900 Cordova Pasadena
 Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/1 Aug 2014

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
Pasadena's history and maintaining
important green space for
the community

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: MEAGEN THOMAS
 Address: 216 S. MADISON AVE #201
PASADENA, CA 91101
 Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
SAVE OUR PARK!!
PLEASE preserve this beautiful
area in Pasadena. It is what
we love about the city - green
space (parks, a place to gather
by the amazing City Hall.)

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: May Turek
 Address: 588 N. Fair Oaks Ave #106
 Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Becky Roger Sanchez
Address: 235C. HOLLYST AVE #212

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8-6-16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:

I LIVE IN PASADENA
I LOVE THE
TREES DOG
ROCK BEAT
STREET

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: DAVID K. HENRY
Address: 216 S. MADISON Avenue #201
PASADENA, CA 91101
Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:

SAVE THE PARKLAND ACROSS
FROM CITY HALL.
DO NOT PUT ANY NEW COMMERCIAL
STRUCTURE ON IT.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: ROBERT HAW
Address: 2008 Skyview Dr. Altadena

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: Aug 6 2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:

Open space is so valuable - priceless. If the
people want their land to remain as open space,
the city governance should bow to that wish.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: MARY WILSON
Address: _____
Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:

THE BEAUTIFUL PLAZA at
CITY HALL NEEDS TO BE
RETAINED.
DON'T LET DEVELOPERS
RULE PASADENA AND THE
CITY GIVE AWAY PARKLAND

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Casey Seyb

Address:

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek,

Date: 8-6-16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:

I just moved to the area and am shocked and saddened that a public space is threatened to be privately developed. Involve the public!!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: TIM MARTINEZ

Address: 1404 Chamberlain Rd

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek,

Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:

Please preserve the Bennett Plan, our civic center's character, and our urban open space.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Hugh Martinez

Address: 677 S. Marengo #9

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek,

Date:

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:

There should be no public funds for site use. Second the massing of the proposed extension is not consistent with the post office and YMCA.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Therese Brummel

Address: 1235 N. Mar Vista, Pas. 91104

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek,

Date: 8-6-16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:

Voters have not approved this plan!
We need more green space not less.
Development is out of scale!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: George Patton
Address: 815 B California St, Monrovia

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: Aug. 6, 2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
As Pasadena has so much visibility worldwide, it would be a devastating and shocking travesty, if the development on/of the Civic Center Park was allowed to take place. The removal of green space would be tantamount to a surrender of Pasadena's green policy.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Ryan Bussard
Address: 2077 QUEENSBERRY ROAD PASADENA, CA

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/4/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
THE BEAUTIFUL VIEWS + THE TREES THAT EXIST ALREADY

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: MEHRDAD MOSTAFAVI
Address: 1277 N Garfield Ave #3 Pasadena 91102

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/4/2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
Please don't block the views
Please don't cut the trees

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: FRIED WILSON
Address: 1000 CORDOVA ST #201 PASADENA

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/15

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
This parcel is an important and welcomed green space in a densely developed part of the city that needs more parkland. This project was rushed through the city planning process without sufficient thought or transparency. Haven't we learned our lesson from Plaza Pasadena, The Paseo & the May's?

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Mary T. Fitzgerald
Address: 595 N. Garfield Av. #1
Pasadena 91101
Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/2016

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it: public school
I am an Art Historian & teacher. I moved to Pasadena more than 25 years ago BECAUSE I wanted parks & libraries in all Pasadena neighborhoods especially my now close-by Civic Center.
I want the beautifully planned (and 100% walk-on) Civic Center from 1923.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

"Follow the money"
That's what they desire
Name: John Foster
Address: 235 E. Holly St.
Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Dear Mayor
Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
you need to think of "alternatives" that will serve all Pasadena citizens and not just wealthy developers! (open space.)

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: Jill Frazee
Address: 511 Thompson Dr., Pasadena CA 91104
Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: 8/6/16

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
It goes against the voter approved plan. It seems greedy unnecessary to expand the hotel. Its locati. it will be table w/o an expansion. Once open space goes, it never comes back. Green Space helps w/ climate change.

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!

Name: HILDA Boulware
Address: 121 S. Chester Ave #7
Dear Mayor Terry Tornek, Date: _____

Here is why I want you to save the Civic Center and this park which is such an important part of it:
My grandson and his father have 1x week visits. They visit here in this park. Our park. Please honor the richness of family relations promotion AND the tribute AND memorialization of the Robinson brothers. Honor all of us please!

Please protect the grandeur of Pasadena's Civic Center from encroachment and save our parkland!