

Jomsky, Mark

From: Donna McGugan <dmmcgugan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Fw: YWCA Kimpton Hotel Project

Dear Sir:

Please be so kind as to place a copy of this letter in the Official Records of the City of Pasadena.

Sincerely,

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Third District Resident

--- On Mon, 5/22/17, Donna McGugan <dmmcgugan@yahoo.com> wrote:

> From: Donna McGugan <dmmcgugan@yahoo.com>
> Subject: YWCA Kimpton Hotel Project
> To: johnjkennedy@cityofpasadena.net
> Cc: ftornek@cityofpasadena.net
> Date: Monday, May 22, 2017, 5:40 PM
> Hi John-
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> I think the City Council should give
> further thought and study to the above proposed project before
> finalizing its decision regarding the development of the above
> mentioned YWCA Building. Also, in any case, I am under the impression
> that the City of Pasadena has a budget problem, and I do not feel that
> the City would be in a position to give the proposed builder a subsidy
> of \$30 million. With all of the interest in future hotel, condo, apt
> projects being planned for Pasadena, I do not feel it is at all
> necessary to entice a developer with a subsidy regardless of the
> circumstances.
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> If indeed Pasadena does have access to such a subsidy amount, I would
> be amenable to offering a subsidy to a nonprofit or other type
> organization to help bring this building up to code in order to offer
> various services to youth, senior citizens, or any other such
> deserving group. Perhaps a Corporate Citizen could step forward and
> offer its services to assist such a nonprofit. There are many
> companies here in Pasadena that have become very profitable due to the
> City and its citizens.
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> I have not lived in Pasadena for that

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> long of period, about five years now, and do not know all of the
> background of the history of this building and why the City has pretty
> much decided that a hotel would be the best use of this building and
> land. However, living in Los Angeles for over 50 years and being
> witness to a lot of destruction of historical buildings, I have always
> admired Pasadena for retaining the special quality of its City Hall
> and other buildings. I love the City Buildings and surrounding open
> land. I think a hotel would denigrate the remaining classical City
> Buildings rather than add any substantial or historical value to the
> area.

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> I hope that the City Council will see
> that it would be in the City's long-time interest and history if it
> would give much further study to this project and the consequences of
> same.

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> By the way the other day when we ran
> into each other at TJ, and I told you I am retired now and looking at
> different volunteer options, you mentioned the City Library. Just
> what type of help does the Library need. I may add it to my options!

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> Thank you John. I appreciate your
> taking the time to read this. I know the meeting is tonight, but
> this is the first chance I have had to write you regarding the above.

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> Sincerely,

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> Donna M. McGugan
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