



COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTOPHER WARD

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 18, 2019

TO: Mayor Kevin Faulconer

FROM: Councilmember Chris Ward

SUBJECT: Old Mission Hills Library – Permanent Supportive Housing Proposal

In response to community interests and questions regarding your proposal for Permanent Supportive Housing at the Old Mission Hills Branch Library site location at 925 W. Washington, my office engaged with residents through two well-attended community meetings. The first meeting, held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, was co-hosted by the Mission Hills Town Council and the Mission Hills Business Improvement District. Another meeting, hosted by the Mission Hills Town Council was held on Thursday, June 13, 2019. In addition, my office has heard directly from more than one hundred residents and business owners about the proposal.

To ensure that transparent and accurate information is shared with the public, I again forward community recommendations and elements of my January 28, 2019 memorandum to you, and suggest they be included in the upcoming Request for Proposal:

- Design for use by vulnerable populations such as seniors;
- Ground floor commercial space consistent with the community plan;
- Parking for Fire Station #8 firefighters;
- Preservation of the existing mid-century modern front façade;
- Updates on the Request for Proposal timeline from the Mayor's Office and Real Estate Assets Department;
- Real Estate Assets Department evaluate the feasibility of selling the property to help fund a larger number of permanent supportive housing project at another location;
- Collaboration with adjacent property owners to potentially combine parcels for enhanced development;

Facilitating the production of all types of housing has been a top priority for this Council. I urge that this Request for Proposal is developed to ensure that any future project at 925 W. Washington St. is consistent with the surrounding community—including the Mission Hills Business District and neighborhood schools.

While utilizing existing City assets to address the need for permanent supportive housing in each of our communities must remain a priority, this is a mixed-use site with broader potential for additional community benefits if done correctly.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Tyler Burch in my office at (619) 236-6633 or TMBurch@sandiego.gov.

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