

ATTACHMENT B



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Mr. Frank Alessi, Executive Vice President
Centre City Development Corporation
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Dear Mr. Alessi:

Thank you for facilitating the County of San Diego's review of the proposed Fire Station Number 2 (Bayside) project. We appreciate your staff's support, specifically Senior Planner John Collum and Assistant Vice President Brad Richter, for their extensive communication with the County and coordination of the April 14, 2010 presentation to County staff and policy advisors.

The County understands that the addition of Fire Station Number 2 (Bayside) on the site at Cedar Street and Pacific Coast Highway will substantially improve fire service to downtown San Diego, particularly in those areas west of the rail tracks. The County supports the development of this facility to enhance public safety.

Based on the unique and public-serving nature of this facility, we recognize the need to allow for some exceptions to the development standards of the Centre City Planned District Ordinance as identified in the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) staff report (April 14, 2009). We also commend the commitment to achieve green building standards with this facility.

The County acknowledges the attractive and functional design of the proposed fire station in this compact, high-profile location. We recognize your efforts to address traffic considerations at this location. The County does have some concerns regarding fire vehicles turning around on Pacific Highway and potential traffic and safety issues that this could produce. While traffic delays are not expected to be significant, we encourage your team to continue to work with the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue to identify the safest and most efficient means of facilitating the return of fire vehicles to the station from Pacific Highway. This

may include utilizing the surrounding street network (such as Kettner Boulevard south to Ash Street west) to access northbound Pacific Highway whenever possible.

In light of the Design Guidelines for the Pacific Highway- County Administration Center, the County also urges CCDC to explore additional opportunities to enhance the architectural relationship between the proposed Fire Station Number 2 (Bayside) and the County Administration Center. Potential design elements to consider include:

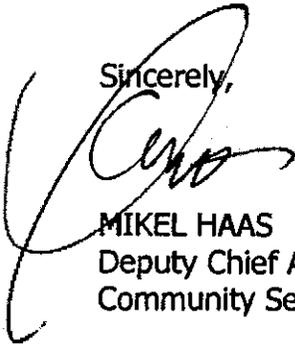
- Elements to enhance building articulation and, potentially include column articulation, window module, and cornice;
- Incorporation of ornamentation details on the building and/ or in the small plaza or entry area, potentially utilizing tile or other materials reflective of the County Administration Center.

We appreciate CCDC's and the architect's sensitivity to the historic County Administration Center as the centerpiece of this design district. The County concurs that the relationship between these two structures should be subtle. The fire station should be original and should not represent a literal effort to replicate the County Administration Center. The fire station should be a handsome yet seamless part of this important design zone, enhancing and responding to the City's historic center.

We are confident that your renowned local design team has the expertise to achieve this delicate balance with further refinement of the proposed design.

Thank you for your consideration of the County of San Diego's comments on this important project. Please feel free to contact me or my staff, Tom Fincher at (858) 694-2153, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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