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Subject: CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION JULY 7 - ITEM 8 - UPDATE & DISCUSSION RE: SOUTH HAYWARD MULTI-SERVICE CENTER, 680 W. TENNYSON ROAD

Reply-To: Paul Frumkin III

Dear Mayor Halliday and Members of the Hayward City Council,

First, I'm hoping that each of you are enjoying the 4th of July weekend - a time to reflect on the meaning of independence and democracy!

I have reviewed the 12-page report prepared by Sean Reinhart, Director of Library and Community Services. As each of you know, the Report is an update on the development and options for the construction of a Multi-Service Youth and Family Center (currently the site of Eden Youth and Family Center/EYFC), 680 W. Tennyson Road. It is very clear that the South Hayward community is in need of a state-of-the-art facility to better serve individuals, youth and families. The Report includes a number of issues/options for Council consideration including governance structure, management, funding and ongoing operational support - the report suggests that neither the City or HARD have the funding capacity to support this initiative, both short-term and long-term. I'm not going to address/focus on the options presented to City Council, only to acknowledge that the Council is in an important position to direct staff on the next steps to bring this initiative to fruition.

REQUEST: My concern is specifically focused on City staff allegations regarding the EYFC organization as described in this Report. I'm respectfully requesting that Worksession Item #8/Update & Discussion re: Multi-Service Center, be withdrawn from the July 7 Council Agenda pending a review and discussion involving EYFC and City staff. The following are the issues that need to be addressed.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS/ALLEGATIONS/INNUENDOS RE: EDEN YOUTH & FAMILY CENTER

As some of you may know, Eden Youth & Family Center (EYFC) was formed thirty-seven (37) years ago as a community-based, not-for-profit organization in partnership with the City, County, school district and the community-at large. I have had the honor and privilege to serve on the EYFC Board for almost twenty-five (25) years.

The staff report contains a number of inflammatory, inappropriate statements/allegations/innuendos regarding EYFC, and, it's partnering organizations; that, I believe, need to be address and corrected for the record. The following are cited as examples:

PAGE 1 of Report/last paragraph: misinformation needs to be corrected - Kidango operates the early childhood development program. The Community School is not a continuation high school. The Project New Start/Tattoo Removal (funded by Kaiser) is operated directly by EYFC (not COPS?). What is not mentioned is the Summer & Afterschool Youth Employment Program operated by EYFC for a number of years.

Frankly, I'm not sure why the City staff report separates out and considers the "Hayward Day Labor Center" as operating independently from "EYFC"; without acknowledging the fact that there are other organizations housed at EYFC operating independently including Tiburcio Vasquez/Silva Clinic, County schools, Children's Hospital/Mental Health, etc. It should be noted that the Day Labor Center was established with the support of City funds; and, the Community School funded by the County Office of Education (ACOE) has been housed at EYFC since 1988. It is also important to note that ACOE is in partnership with County Board Supervisor Valle's Office helping to spearhead the Multi-Service Center initiative. The issue of the Day Labor Center and the Community School becomes clear when the City staff 'questions the compatibility' of both services locating at a new Youth/Family Multi-Service Center (refer to pages 9 and 10 of the Report).

PAGE 3 of Report/1st thru 4th paragraphs: Status of current campus and facility: This section is full of allegations and innuendos suggesting that EYFC doesn't have the ability to manage a facility. A couple of points are highlighted as follows:

a) the Report states "EYFC has struggled to maintain the Facility campus over the years". Give credit where credit is due! Yes, the lease agreement with the City stipulates that EYFC is responsible for facility maintenance. And, in exchange, EYFC pays minimal rent to the City. What's not stated is the fact the City withdrew capital and maintenance funding support years ago. EYFC is housed in a facility that was built in the early 1950's (my former elementary school). It's an old facility! But, EYFC has been able to maintain this facility so that it meets licensing, compliance requirements for the operation of a school for at-risk youth, a child development program; and, a pediatrics health/dental clinic. It's important to remind everyone that EYFC is located on City-owned property; and, if there was a true partnership there would be less allegation/innuendos about EYFC management capacity and more support from the City!

b) the Report states "EYFC is in poor organizational shape and is unable to meet the basic grant eligibility requirements for City funds" . This is a serious allegation presented by City staff without evidence! The Fact: EYFC hasn't applied for City funds in a number of years. Frankly, this is an inappropriate statement made by staff in a public document without evidence to suggest otherwise! Not once did City staff connect with EYFC to express their concern regarding this issue.

c) the Report states "a major accountability issue occurred in 2012 when it came to light that EYFC had failed to keep up with its tax filings for several years, endangering its nonprofit status". This allegation needs to be directly address by City staff with respect to proof that this information is, in fact, true. EYFC conducts annual financial audits and routinely submits tax filings as required (public record).

d) the Report states "EYFC has managed to get some grants from other sources . . . however the services that come with some of those grants are considered by some observers to be a poor fit with the other more family-focused services on campus". This allegation needs to be addressed for the innuendo it suggests. The public grants and private donations directly awarded to EYFC support such activities as child development, youth employment opportunity, and technology access for

neighborhood youth. QUESTION: so, what does City staff mean by a 'poor fit'? Who are the Observers? And, why was EYFC never advised?

e) the Report states the ACOE Community School and the Day Labor Center (DLC) as examples of incompatible services. City staff state the issue of ACOE and DLC "incompatibility" was based on 'visitors' citing activities of both organizations as being 'incongruous and a hindrance to the users' of other services provided at the facility. QUESTION: Why is City staff alleging this? How was this information collected (heresay, rumor, informal, formal survey, etc.) And, why was EYFC not advised of these concerns. Again, City staff are presenting allegations without providing the evidence. The other important issue: EYFC, historically, has promoted and provided services focused on at-risk individuals, youth and families.

PAGE 4 and 5 of Report/Item 1- last paragraph: City staff describe in their report that 'Kaiser {major funding source} has indicated that they will not provide {funding} if the current EYFC is involved in the new center'. Again, I'm surprised that City staff would present this information in their Report. The County has indicated that a RFP (Request for Proposals) will be required because construction of the Multi-Service Center in South Hayward includes public funding for this project. In any event, I'm sure the Kaiser Foundation would not appreciate inclusion of a statement in the City staff report (a public document) suggesting that the Kaiser funding contribution is conditioned on the exclusion of organizations such as EYFC from bidding/submitting a proposal in response to a future County RFP.

Feel free to call _____ or email me
you have any questions or would like to discuss my concerns.

As always in friendship, peace, justice and good health!

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