

MEMORANDUM



City of Campbell

City Clerk's Office

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

Date: May 4, 2021

From: Andrea Sanders, Deputy City Clerk

Via: Brian Loventhal, City Manager

Subject: Desk Item 11 – Correspondence from Councilwoman Landry

The attached correspondence is provided by Councilwoman Landry in regards to the Campbell Police Operations Building Schematic Design.

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I am writing this letter in advance of tonight's City Council meeting since I am unable to hand this out during the meeting. Please include this letter in a desk item, so it is available to the other councilmembers and to the public for their review and consideration prior to the meeting.

Here are my thoughts regarding the design of the entrances to City Hall & the new Police Building.

The presentation refers to the 'civic presence' of the entrance to the new police building. They emphasize the area along First Street. Why? That's not where the people will be. The civic presence should be the combined entrances to the two buildings and needs to tie them together, physically and visually.

Campbell is not Urban. We are a small town trying to maintain our character. The entry statement needs to reflect our character. Everything does not have to be hard, straight lines. Back before development of Campbell, this area was historically part of the gravelly alluvial fans of the winding Los Gatos & San Tomas Aquino Creeks. As such, Campbell has the best water percolation basins in the County for this reason.

Campbell was part of the 'Valley of Hearts Delights', with orchards and canneries. To this day, over a third of the City doesn't have curb, gutters or sidewalks. The Ainsley House was moved to Campbell's Civic Center to preserve this region's history.

The proposed design plans for the entrance to City Hall and the new Police Building do not take into consideration the city's historic context. We need to have a discussion tonight about the entrances and what is best for our community. Should there be a historical context in the design? Should there be curving walkways and ramps to reflect our country feel?

My feeling is the Civic Center is the essential heart of our community. We should wrap it with the elements that makes Campbell a remarkable place, the darling of Silicon Valley. My analogy is that PD has three K-9's. two are in uniform and one is comforting. Where is the comforting nature at the entrance to the City Hall Complex?

Another concern is regarding the visitor's parking lot & the driveways.

The proposed plan shows only one driveway and provides two options that would provide a second driveway. I am overly concerned that if there is only one driveway, that service vehicles, such as UPS & Fedex, would be required to back up to get out of the parking lot. This can be problematic and I am concerned about the potential of someone getting hit by a truck backing

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out. The following is a picture of a delivery truck parked yesterday. Image this truck having to back out of the future parking lot.



Yes, adding a second driveway requires the removal of one additional tree. As much I want to save healthy trees when possible, I think safety should take precedence. There is a need for the second driveway

My last comment is regarding the use of the existing police area in City Hall. The current building floor plan shows police still using the entire lower floor. As part of the Measure O bond, the language states that improvements to this area can be for other City uses.

Currently, the Ansley House must limit the size of weddings because of the lack of adequate restrooms. This limits their ability to raise revenues.

The police plans call for removing all the existing restrooms located on the east side of the building. It seems like there is an opportunity to provide the Ainsley House with the restrooms so desperately needed.

I look forward to Council's discussion this evening.