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**Subject:** Railyards, the Two Buildings, and California State Railroad Museum

Dear Mayor Fargo, and Sacramento City Council Members:

I am a retired physician who began practice in Midtown in 1966. I am commonly considered the principal founder of the California State Railroad Museum (CSRM), and I continue as an officer of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation. I am also currently chairman of the Museum's Collections Committee.

In your deliberations and decisions as to the fate of the two large historic SP Shops buildings (Erecting and Boiler Shops) in the Railyards, I would urge you to recall that the CSRM has been a good and productive Sacramento citizen over the many years, a truly major draw for major visitation, and that it has become one of the most recognized destination museums of its kind anywhere.

It has been in this role that in good faith the museum and the large community of Sacramento citizen-supporters have devoted every kind of substantial financial and in-kind efforts in the planning and execution of what was to be a major Technological museum expansion in the Erecting shop building that would also accommodate the important extensive un-displayed collections still in storage. That such a museum was to be expanded into such a magnificent temple of the history of railroad technology itself, not to mention National and California history, has seemed almost to have an almost-poetic quality.

The Union Pacific memorialized and validated this museum expansion vision by inviting the CSRM to occupy the buildings while they still owned them, as did in writing the original developer, Millenia Associates. It was on this good faith basis alone that the museum community focused its planning, rounded up the fundamental financing tools, and then built in house at their own expense (\$500,000 outright, not counting volunteer labor and contributions) a new replica working transfer table that can only be used to transport cars and locomotives out of the then designated future museum/erecting shop.

Just the simple act of now denying the museum the use of the Erecting Shop (as is proposed by Thomas) invalidates all of these good faith efforts and expenditures.

The single Boiler Shop building currently offered instead to the CSRM by Thomas Enterprises is unsatisfactory on the face of it as a museum building to house railroad artifacts, while it remains indeed quite satisfactory for the museum's super-important restoration/maintenance shop (by itself, a major interpretive tool and venue for the museum). The museum will require it to continue in this role, whether or not the connecting Erecting shop building is or is not denied for CSRM museum expansion and use.

If the Erecting Shop is denied to the museum, but museum development

would instead have no alternative but retrogress to its original Ground One somewhere accessible to rail access along the river front, Old Sacramento and south, most probably in already-state-owned land within the Docks project (the restoration and support functions would of course remain in the Railyards Boiler Shop).

Where all of the historic equipment now being protected in the Erecting Shop would have to go in the inevitable long interim taken to ramp up a new project from scratch is unknown, but most probably they would, in desperation, have to be stored under blue tarps, also on tracks along the river front in Old Sacramento, and south of Capitol Avenue.

We scarcely can imagine the very long term adverse consequences for the CSRM and its collections should the above have to occur, much less the inevitable collateral consequences for the Sacramento community and its aspirations.

The California State Railroad Museum needs both the Erecting and Boiler Shops, and the transfer table and turntable spaces in between and adjacent to fulfill its public stewardship, and continue to support current activities. In the best of good faith the Museum has expended major resources toward these goals for many years. The two buildings are inseparably joined at the hips.

I most strongly urge that the City once again not be distracted by the very shiny dime of the irreversible trendy "now" here-today-and-gone-tomorrow development being proposed for these titanic buildings; and instead embrace the spectacular Solid Gold of historic cultural perpetuity that our descendants will continue to enjoy long into the future, and...Thank us profusely in the process.

Respectfully,

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Denny S. Anspach, MD  
Sacramento

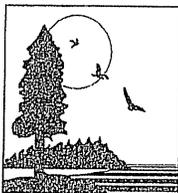
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Please find attached a pdf of a letter from Paul Thayer, Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission to Sacramento City Manager, Ray Kerridge. We would appreciate City staff providing copies of this letter to Council Members and other interested parties. Thank you.

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November 19, 2007

File Ref: G21-01

Mr. Ray Kerridge, City Manager  
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Dear Mr. Kerridge:

This letter is a follow-up to the meeting held on September 20<sup>th</sup> with representatives of Senator Steinberg, Assemblyman Jones, the City of Sacramento, California Resources Agency, California Department of Parks and Recreation, California State Lands Commission and Thomas Enterprises. We appreciate the efforts of Senator Steinberg and the City to get the parties together to air the issues involving the future development of the Railyards and what roles the State Legislature and agencies will play in advancing the public's interest in the proposed development.

We have made numerous written comments to the City since 1989 and discussed in many face-to-face meetings with the parties the importance of resolving all issues concerning resolution of the City and State's public trust property interests located in the former bed of the American River, prior to issuance of entitlements for development within the Railyards. The State Lands Commission has nearly seventy years of experience in resolving boundary and title issues relating to the State's rivers, lakes, bays and ocean. During that period hundreds of properties have been cleared of residual State interests involving historic waterways. The Commission staff is presently negotiating title settlements and exchange agreements that will allow urban waterfront redevelopments in San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, Sausalito, Martinez, Eureka, Long Beach and Chula Vista. In fact the Commission staff has recently been in discussions with City staff to resolve the title and boundary issues in the Docks Project area along the Old Sacramento waterfront.

Commission staff first met with City staff and Roma representatives in 1990 and explained the need to resolve the public trust interests in the former bed of the American River prior to development taking place. Commission staff met with Millenia representatives (same agents representing Thomas) and City staff in the fall of 2004,

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when we were informed of the need to resolve the issue expeditiously. The result was a proposed title settlement and exchange agreement. Twice the settlement agreement was agendized to be heard by the State Lands Commission on April 26, 2005 and October 20, 2005.

In 1868, when the Legislature enacted Chapter 519, granting portions of the American River to the City (including the 24± acres of riverbed within the Railyards), it also authorized the sale of tidelands throughout the state (Chapter 415). Neither the conveyance of tidelands pursuant to Chapter 415, nor reclamation or filling of such lands, have been found by the California Supreme Court to extinguish the State's property interest in the Public Trust Easement attached to these lands (*People v. California Fish Company*, 166 Cal 576 (1913), *Marks v. Whitney*, 6 Cal 3d 251 (1971)). The means for clearing title are through a title settlement agreement or litigation (see Chapter 585, Statutes of 2005, partially codified as Public Resources Code Section 6307). In 1941 the Legislature enacted Chapter 581, Statutes of 1941 authorizing the State Lands Commission to sell portions of the former bed of the American River (between 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Streets) that had been conveyed to the City by the 1868 legislation. This is indicative of the State's continuing jurisdiction and control involving the former bed of the American River.

A recent title report provides evidence that affirms the state's interest. The title company acknowledged the state's interest by excepting from insurance coverage any right, title, or interest of the State regarding the former bed of the American River for part of the Railyards. Because the State acquired the tide and submerged lands and navigable waters of the State as an incident of sovereignty upon admission to the Union on September 9, 1850, no deed or other record title document exists. The State's ownership is by operation of law, not pursuant to a recorded deed.

Because the City has before it consideration of a number of actions that could lead to the issuance of development entitlements within the area, including a tentative subdivision map, and State bond funds are being sought to facilitate the development of the Railyards we believe it is imperative that the State's property interest issue be resolved prior to the City approving the tentative map. Staff of the State Lands Commission respectfully urges the City, Thomas Enterprises and State Parks to work with us to resolve the property ownership issues within the Railyards so that entitlements and development on the property can move forward with the support of the State and its agencies.

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Again, thank you for bringing the parties together on September 20<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to more productive discussions soon, prior to City approval of the tentative map.

Sincerely,



PAUL D. THAYER  
Executive Officer

cc: Honorable John Garamendi, Lt. Governor, State of California  
Honorable John Chiang, Controller, State of California  
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Honorable Dave Jones, Assemblyman, 9th Assembly District  
Honorable Heather Fargo, Mayor, City of Sacramento  
Honorable Council Members, City of Sacramento  
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As a member of the Sacramento Builders' Exchange, I support the passage of the Railyards Project. The Railyards project has been sufficiently vetted and needs approval in time to apply for state infrastructure funds. I ask that you fully support this project and vote YES for more construction jobs for Sacramento companies. For more info on the Sacramento Builders' Exchange YES position, contact the SBE Governmental Affairs Coordinator Joshua Wood at (916) 442-8991.

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**Subject:** Railyard, Stan Thomas, Night Sky

When talking to Stan Thomas about plans for the railyard please address the outdoor lighting and consider the following news article.

If we start now (this is a good place to do it) we can bring back the stars and protect the night time environment.

Talk of a Science Center in the old Power Plant makes the outdoor lighting even more important. Also it is time to direct staff to start using fully shielded lighting in all municipal applications and development standards.

The first 5 paragraphs of a news story follows.

Regards  
Jack Sales

They can see stars clearly now

By PAULA TRACY  
New Hampshire Union Leader Staff  
Monday, Nov. 19, 2007

Waterville Valley

Working to keep the stars bright and the night sky dark in this small town nestled in the mountains, the community now has nearly 50 "dark skies" streetlights.

As part of a partnership between the Margaret and H.A. Rey Center and the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, the town worked with New Hampshire Electric Cooperative to install streetlights designed to direct light downward. It is the first community in the co-op service territory to completely retrofit its outdoor lighting.

A number of New Hampshire towns, including Waterville Valley, have enacted a "dark skies ordinance" to protect the night sky. Under the ordinance, all new outdoor lighting must be directed downward, keeping it below the horizontal plane.

The retrofit of the co-op's 30 streetlights in town and an additional dozen lights at the Golden Eagle Lodge was designed and completed by the utility using fixtures that feature "full cutoff" technology.

As a result, said Town Manager Mark Decoteau, the town has lights that are more focused, use 30 percent less wattage and reduce the glare that can obscure the stars.

The remainder of the article can be found at URL  
<http://www.unionleader.com/article.aspx?headline=They+can+see+stars+clearly+now&articleId=b7bab35f-ad28-4317-9cf9-3773b2a9f478>

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Dear CAPITAL members:

(Previous email contained broken links I am resending.)

Much has been accomplished and efforts are moving forward to create a world-class destination point in Sacramento to honor our Chinese heritage in California. The City of Sacramento Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, and Design Commission, and Thomas Enterprises have recommended a Chinese Garden and incorporating a Chinese Museum/Center in the Railyards which is included in public documents:

The Railyards Design Guideline

(page 88, Item 13. Chinese Garden, Chapter 3: Public Realm of Section D: Parks and Space) includes a component for a pavilion, monument, and outdoor landscape garden to tell the history of the Chinese:

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/projects/railyards/documents/Railyards-Design-Guidelines-110207.pdf>

The Railyard Specific Plan

(page 68, Chapter 6 - Open Space, Section C. Open Space Stories) concurs:

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/projects/railyards/documents/RailyardsSpecific-Plan-110107.pdf>

The Final Summary of the Joint Commission

(page 7-8) includes a Chinese Heritage Section and commissioners requested Thomas Enterprises and the City to include a Chinese Museum.

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/meetings/commissions/documents/CommissionIssueSummary-Final.pdf>

Attachment to Railyard Specific Plan to referenced a Chinese Museum

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/meetings/commissions/documents/Attachment5.pdf>

But this is not enough. Everything has to be finally approved and incorporated into the General Plan and Development Agreement by the City Council.

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Tuesday

November 20 at 6:00 PM

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Tuesday

December 4 at 6:00 PM  
New City Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday  
December 11 at 6:00 PM  
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Please come and show your support for our Chinese pioneers that need to be commemorated in their homeland. A Chinese garden and Yee Fow Chinese Center of History, Culture and Trade is the appropriate mitigation measure considering the contributions and sacrifices our Chinese pioneers of Yee Fow gave to California.

Send an email today!

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Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to this long overdue need to truly tell the story of the Chinese pioneers of Yee Fow.

Steve Yee  
Chair  
Friends of the Yee Fow Museum  
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## Clerk-Submit - Railyard development

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**Subject:** Railyard development

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Dear Mayor and City Council:

I support moving forward with the Development of the Railyard complex in general because of the economic impact and the job creation for the city. The development will enhance Sacramento as a world class convention and visitors destination. However I also feel that an important component of the success is the State Railroad Museum which had been a significant catalyst driving visitors through Old Sacramento. I am convinced the two Historic Buildings in the Railyard will have the same significant and positive impact on visitors to the Railyard and should be included in the project.

Respectfully,

Lina Fat

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**Subject:** Railroad Technology Museum

Dear Mayor Fargo and Councilman Tretheway:

The California State Railroad Museum isn't just a civic asset; it's a global magnet for tourism and research, and it can be made even better.

CSRM has long had plans to do just that, but I understand those plans are now in jeopardy. As editor of the leading rail history journal in America, I urge that the plans for an interpretive technology museum be allowed to go forward.

Surely, CSRM has demonstrated that it is worthy of the public's trust. By general consensus, it's the best rail museum - and perhaps the best industrial museum - in the entire country. Many of their artifacts are definitive pieces, but many are hidden from public view for want of display space. And of course, the museum is not just a collection of old stuff: CSRM does a superlative job of relating the railroad's story to the stories of Sacramento, the state of California, and the entire U.S. As a leading rail scholar put it to me, it's a museum of American history that happens to tell the story of the railroad.

CSRM proposes to create an interpretive technology museum without peer in the entire country. As the existing museum educates its patrons on the grand sweep of history, the proposed museum will tell the story of the skills that made empires possible - and of the thousands of ordinary people who had them. They played roles, too: their names aren't in the history books, but without them, Stanford, Huntington, Hopkins, and the Crocker wouldn't be remembered, either.

I respectfully urge that this national treasure be allowed to fulfill its mission, and to do so on the site of the historic Sacramento shops.

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**Subject:** California State Railroad Museum

Dear Mayor Fargo

I am writing to request that the City of Sacramento use its influence to preserve the option of the California State Railroad Museum to expand its program into the Central Pacific Shops through the creation of a internationally significant Railroad Technology Museum.

I am writing as the Director of the Coastal Heritage Society in Savannah Georgia. Our major project is to work with the City of Savannah and the State of Georgia in the development of the State of Georgia Railroad Museum. We are currently are in a five year \$25,000,000 phase of construction for this project. This project now underway is located in an urban center in Historic Railroad buildings not unlike the California State Railroad Museum. This project has many parallels to the Sacramento project. We have observed and studied the Railroad Museum in your city and are familiar with its operations and vision.

One of the most exciting elements of the CSRRM is it vision to create a Railroad Technology Museum in the old Central Pacific Shops buildings. This would elevate the Sacramento project to a stature that would greatly benefit the community in both economic development through tourism and in allowing visitors to understand the evolution of industry and energy use in the United States. The ability of this resource to attract and hold visitors in your city will be greatly enhanced by this vision becoming a reality. Our projections of economic benefit in creating a somewhat similar though smaller project is approximately \$50,000,000 per year. The synergy of this vision existing side by side with the current Museum product will elevate this respected and well visited site to an even higher plane of recognition in the national and international travel markets.

It is with distress that I learned only today that this vision is in jeopardy. It is my understanding that alternate uses of retail and entertainment venues are being proposed for these structures. While it is true that this use would provide some opportunities for income generation, a higher value to the community would be sacrificed. That value is in the creation of a resource of a scale and quality that will be known across North America and Europe. Its ability to draw new travelers to your city will outweigh the opportunities to sell products to the visitors you already enjoy.

Should the City have an ability to encourage the CSRRM vision I would strongly recommend that it do so as being the wisest course to take.

I appreciate your attention to this note.

Scott W. Smith

Executive Director, Coastal Heritage Society

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**Subject:** support 2 buildings for the Railroad Technology Museum in the Railyards

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

\*Please support the Railroad Technology Museum in the Boiler Shop and Erecting Shop in the Railyards. \* This is an important issue to me as a resident within the downtown "grid" for the past 10 years. I have learned enough about Sacramento in the time I've been here to realize that Sacramento would never have become a city of this size with such diversity without the huge source of employment at the SP railyards. Any city can provide space for another "hip" urban mixed-use developmenet, but not every city has the opportunity to showcase the very technologies that made the city great within that same development.

The Railroad Technology Museum needs \*both\* these buildings and the transfer table that moves locomotives between them to really bring this area back to life. Please don't let the railyards project become just another generic development!

Railroad workers built, repaired, and maintained locomotives and railroad equipment in the Railyards for 130 years. In \*TWO\* of these historic Shop Buildings—the Erecting Shop and the Boiler Shop—the museum will honor our railroading heritage and the diversity of the railroading workers and how they shaped our city. This new museum will feature engaging hands-on exhibits, live theater, artisans and craftsmen at work, and more. It will showcase rail technology of the future from around the world. The Railroad Technology Museum will make Sacramento an international destination, boosting tourism and contributing to the region's economy.

I support the Railyards project moving forward, but I believe the museum needs the 2 buildings connected by the transfer table to bring the railyards the attention that it truly deserves. Sacramento has a unique heritage, and should use that to full advantage.

Sincerely,

Cara Randall

**From:** Theodore Kornweibel <kornweib@mail.sdsu.edu>  
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**Date:** 9:40 AM 11/20/2007  
**Subject:** California State Railroad Museum future

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I strongly urge the Council to support the California State Railroad Museum's plans for acquiring, preserving, and reusing the Central Pacific locomotive shop complex. The concept of a Railroad Technology Museum is the next logical step in CSRМ's expansion, and, indeed, leadership as the nation's premier railroad museum. You know better than I the legion of visitors to Sacramento, who are drawn there by the magnet which is CSRМ. The addition of the Railroad Technology Museum will not only bring more visitors, but many repeat visitors.

But the use of the CP shop complex for a Railroad Technology Museum is far more than a matter of tourism. It is a unique opportunity to create a world-class museum within the 19th century shop building where that technology was perfected and practiced. In short, having the exhibits sited in context is what makes this concept so exciting and so important. I have been in the locomotive shop several times, and know what a magnificent building it is, and how well suited it is to a great museum facility, along the lines of the famous Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum located in that railroad's historic roundhouse in Baltimore.

To allow this great building to be used for a commercial venture, rather than for the long-planned, and well-thought-out Railroad Technology Museum, would be a historical travesty, and a great, great loss to the city of Sacramento.

Theodore Kornweibel, Jr., Ph.D.  
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Pacific Southwest Railway Museum  
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**Date:** 9:23 AM 11/20/2007  
**Subject:** CSRM Railroad Technology Museum

The importance of the CSRM's Railroad Technology Museum is not only important to the California State Railroad Museum but also to the nation as a whole. I hope that the Council will realize that the railroad history and preservation community is watching closely as those of us that are railroad and history buffs know the significance of your area with a passion.

While most of us have enjoyed the offerings of the California State Railroad Museum (CSRM) and the addition of the railroad technology component will enhance history, as well as preserve for the future generations with exhibits and interpretation of locomotives, rolling stock, hardware and appliances, along with the general material culture of the industry.

I recognize the balance that must be struck between commercial development and tourism. One direction leans towards the future while the other helps to keep the past as part of our vision for the future. The preservation and adaptive reuse of the core Central Pacific Shops, magnificent original 19th Century Central Pacific locomotive shop buildings, are a national resource. I am sure that allowing this extension of facilities and program offered by CSRM will offer the community, California and the nation much more than any night club, restaurant, and other commercial established could on the land to be developed. How do I know this? As an amateur railroad historian here on the east coast, the only reason I go to Scranton, PA (nothing against the town) is it's railroad related offering and in particular Steamtown. I strongly believe the viability of Scranton's development has been due to Steamtown. Sacramento has in its many offerings for attraction visitors and residents' one of the best railroad history facilities with the CSRM. Yet, as with establishments, the CSRM must have the ability to grow and take on new opportunities to expand, adapt and revise its programs. This is the only expand that will become available regards land and buildings that would otherwise to far too expense to develop from the ground up.

There is nothing that gives greater return to the future than education. This educational resource of reusing the Central Pacific shops in coordination with CSRM will keep on giving years after most of the proposed businesses and commercial development being offered as an alternative to the CSRM plans. I am confident given the long term gain versus the short term uncertainty that commercial lots bring (there are too many shopping centers and not enough places for families to experience remembrances together) you will keep the heritage of "America Grew Up" on rails moving forward.

Best regards

Charles E. Bednarik, Jr.

President

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**Subject:** CSR

Dear Mayor,

It seems there has arisen the possibility that the State Railroad Museum may not be able to use the old Central Pacific shops as part of their future museum expansion plans. I hope you and the other powers that be will consider the importance, not only of usage, but the major historical importance of these structures to the museum's purpose. These buildings pre-date the Southern Pacific era, and in fact, date back to the Central Pacific, the builder of the western half of the original transcontinental route. Their place and significance, not only in California's history, but in the nation's, is of great importance, and we believe the museum would be the proper custodian of these structures. Shopping malls can always be built; history can not.

Sincerely,  
Ray Cadd

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**Subject:** CSRM Plan and CP Shops  
**Attachments:** Mayor Heather Fargo.doc

A communication for your consideration.

William Mathews, KRM

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Councilmember Raymond A. Tretheway

November 20, 2007

Dear Mayor Fargo and Councilmember Tretheway,

I write on behalf of and in support of the efforts and plans of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation to preserve and provide adaptive reuse of the original Central Pacific locomotive shop complex. The plan of CSRM for a Railroad Technology Museum is most appropriate and the best use of the CP shops, not only to preserve the vanishing parts of the nation's railroad and economic history for generations to come and to tell the story of what made this country great and the people who helped make it possible, but also as an economic engine for the community.

Without the vision of the nations leaders to tie the nation together from sea to sea with rails, and without the help of countless immigrants brought to our shores to help build the canals, buildings, bridges and then the railroads, our nation would have struggled to reach its greatness. The CP and UP railroads were instrumental to the process as they completed the Transcontinental Railroad with the Irish "Iron Men" who laid the rails, the Chinese "Celestials" who dug the tunnels and filled the valleys, and countless other immigrants, all who made the railroads possible. The life building the railroad was hard and countless numbers of workers died in the process, many winding up in unmarked graves across the continent. They reflect the struggle of building this nation and the CP shops were a vital part of that industry. So important were the railroads that one job in four at the turn of the century (1900) was on or associated with the railroad. They, the railroads, were the economic engine of this country. Today, they as Museums, Tourist Excursion Railroads, and educational venues preserve and maintain that rich history and heritage, and still function as economic engines for many communities, regions and states as they draw, under proper management and direction, increasing numbers annually of visitors to relive the past history and glory of railroads and to allow new generations

the experience of the railroads then and now. In Kentucky at the Kentucky Railway Museum we see approximately 2,000 more new visitors each year than the previous year and the economic impact for our area is 2.5 to 3 million annually, and that is in a rural area about 45 miles from Louisville, Kentucky. I would imagine the economic impact of CSR, which is in a metropolitan area and a bigger facility would be considerably larger, with very good prospects of growing even more with the planned Railroad Technology Museum. The governmental leaders in Kentucky, from the Mayor of New Haven where the Kentucky Railway Museum is located, to the Mayor of Bardstown and County of Judge of Nelson County some 12 miles away, to the halls of State Government in Frankfort the State Capitol, all are in agreement and recognize the positive impacts of the Railroad Museum. This acknowledgement, realization and continued economic growth impact of KRM has led to an infusion of over 5 million dollars and counting for KRM over the past 4 years from State and federal funds to allow growth and expansion of what is becoming one of the States top tier of tourist attractions. I would believe that a similar result would follow the CSR plans to expand the museum there.

Once gone or given over to other commercial uses, the CP shops cannot be brought back, and this sadly has been the case in other communities where other railroad structures were not preserved and then in hindsight the leaders bemoaned what they lost and what could have been. The fad of the moment, boutiques, fast foods restaurants, specialty shops and more tend to be transient in nature, and do little to preserve our history or heritage and are a poor legacy for future generations.

I urge you as conservators and holders of the public trust and welfare to carefully consider the choices before you as decisions about the CP shops are being made. Do we line the pockets of developers or provide an educational tourist attraction that will also be an economic asset for future generations?

Sincerely,

William G. Mathews, President, Board of Directors  
Kentucky Railway Museum

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**Subject:** Railyard Decisions

From: Pauline Grenbeaux

A high-quality museum in the Railyards can give credibility to Sacramento's claim to be a transportation-savvy city in a way that a designer-mall cannot.

I urge you to support the use of both historic buildings at the Railyards for expansion of the California State Railroad Museum.

**From:** john white <jwengine@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** RE: California State Railroad Museum expansion

I have been associated with the planing of the California State Railroad Museum since 1970, at the time there was no building just a excellent collection and a dream to create a world class museum. It took a decade of effort to complete the first phase of this project. The CSRRM has since that time attracted thousands of visitors to Sacramento and done much to enhance its reputation as a cultural center. In more recent times we have waited patiently for the Technology wing of the museum to open. The use of the old Central Pacific shop buildings was seen as a perfect fit for this exhibit . Period buildings and antique rolling stock , what could be a better combination? I was shocked to learn that this magnificent plan might be ruined by a private developer intent on installing a shopping mall in place of the long planed museum. I have spent a lifetime in the management of transport museums and was from 1958 to 1990 the Curator of transportation at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. Do not disgrace the fine reputation of Sacramento as a leader in the museum field, vote for the CSRRM and against the developers Thank you John H. White Jr.

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Subject: Fw: California State Railroad Museum expansion

Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 21:50:06 -0500

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Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 9:17 PM

Subject: California State Railroad Museum expansion

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Subject: (no subject)

I write to ask your help on an urgent political matter unfolding in Sacramento. Our colleagues at the California State Railroad Museum would have contacted you directly, but because of clever and insidious political manipulation by the developer of the former Southern Pacific locomotive shop complex, state employees have been barred from even discussing this threat. It has fallen to the California State Railroad Museum Foundation, and individuals such as myself, to ask for help.

Most urgently, I ask you to write an electronic letter to the Sacramento City Council expressing support for CSRM and endorsing its plans for the preservation and adaptive reuse of the original Central Pacific locomotive shop complex. The Council meets tomorrow evening (Tuesday, November 20) at 6 PM, and may make decisions which preserve—or eliminate—the possibility that those buildings will become CSRM's Railroad Technology Museum. It is important that our letters arrive as soon as possible before that meeting.

The Council seems not to understand how unique CSRM is, how it is an economic asset, or how the Railroad Technology Museum in historic 19th Century railroad shop buildings would make a fine museum even more spectacular. My hope is that if the Council receives well-considered electric letters from interested institutions and individuals from across the nation, it will reconsider the developer's plan to essentially eliminate CSRM from the shops property and convert the railroad buildings to tawdry and inappropriate commercial uses.

As background, CSRM has for many years planned to use several of the magnificent original 19th Century Central Pacific locomotive shop buildings for a major addition to its existing facilities in Sacramento. This final piece was to be the Railroad Technology Museum, which would compliment the Railroad History Museum and permit the exhibit and interpretation of locomotives, rolling stock, hardware and appliances, and the general material culture of the industry.

After many years of negotiation, California State Parks believed it had a firm agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad for the acquisition and preservation of the buildings just across the tracks from CSRM. However, as soon as the UP transferred ownership of the several hundred acres to Thomas Enterprises, a Georgia development firm, Thomas began tactics which threaten to completely gut the agreement CSRM worked so long to craft. Apparently, Thomas Enterprises is engaging in every hardball, aggressive, and amoral technique known to large commercial real estate developers. From everything I have read and heard, this firm is well known for its questionable actions

If Thomas Enterprises has its way, CSRM would lose its rights to the original Central Pacific shop buildings and be relegated to a small metal building on the site. The Railroad Technology Museum would not be possible, and the historic buildings would instead house entertainment venues, night spots, and other crass commercial uses.

In terms of railroad history and preservation, this is a nightmare scenario. Without going into details, it is the product of political cowardice, venality, and the unrelentingly aggressive—and highly effective—tactics of the worst kind of real estate developer. CSRM and California State Parks are unable to defend the project or even communicate freely to solicit support.

The last defense appears to be the Sacramento City Council, which has some power to influence the developer's plans. The issue is to come before the Council tomorrow evening, Tuesday, November 20, at 6 PM. If the Council can be made to understand how important CSRM's Railroad Technology Museum would be to the nation as a whole, and if it can be made to realize that the railroad history and preservation community is watching closely, the Thomas Enterprises plan will at least get further review. At that point it may become clear what a loss their plan would represent.

This is a highly charged, delicate situation. Thomas Enterprises is well connected politically and unafraid of using its influence. Its motives are purely entrepreneurial and profit-based. It is a formidable—and skilled—adversary.

Our letters to the Council should be well-crafted, well-reasoned, and positive. They should convey in the strongest possible terms our individual, and institutional, support for CSRM and its plans for the Railroad Technology Museum.

Our letters should also specifically reference the preservation and adaptive reuse of the core Central Pacific Shops buildings for CSRM/RTM, and how those buildings are a shared national resource in their own right. Please feel free to indicate the national stature of CSRM, its role as a leader in many fields, and the fact that we vote with our feet—that CSRM brings people from all over the world to Sacramento.

I urge you to make these letters as persuasive, detailed, and well-argued as possible. Quality is far more important than quantity, and we must remember that the Council is not itself an adversary—we are trying to educate its members and express outrage at a serious threat to our shared heritage.

Please direct your letters to:

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I would be grateful for a copy of your submission.

johnphankey@aol.com

Please also feel free to go to the City of Sacramento website and those of CSRM and the Foundation. The more you know about the situation and the participants, the more apparent it will be just how important this issue is for all of us.

I apologize for the short deadline and urgent tone. Unfortunately, even railway preservation is not immune to the sleazy practices and political machinations of contemporary commercial real estate. Our colleagues at CSRM rather desperately need our help—and they cannot ask it directly.

Please call me directly at 410-212-8555 if I can explain further.

John Hankey

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**Subject:** Ca State Railroad Museum

Mayor Heather Fargo  
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Please, for the sake of future generations, keep this property for which it was intended.  
I can cite several railroad communities that let their heritage be scraped and unfortunately  
is now gone forever.

Henry F. Winner  
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**Subject:** Support for the Railroad Technology Museum

Dear Mayor Fargo,

I would like to encourage you to lend your support to the proposed Railroad Technology Museum at the former Central Pacific locomotive shops. As a historian and a professor of history, I am deeply concerned about threats to the plans to preserve and reuse this irreplaceable, historically significant site--a site that links your community with mine along the route of the first transcontinental railroad.

For those of us who study and teach the history of transportation and the American West, the California State Railroad Museum is a flagship institution, a resource for the entire nation. The locomotive shops deserve the protection and interpretation of the CSRM. Please, do your part to support the preservation plan.

Thank you,

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Charles and Mary Caldwell Martin Professor  
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**Subject:** CSRM Railroad Technology Museum

November 19, 2007

Mayor Heather Fargo, City of Sacramento  
And

Councilmember Raymond A. Tretheway, City of Sacramento

I am writing on behalf of the National Railway Historical Society to express support for the California State Railroad Museum and the development of the Railroad Technology Museum in Sacramento. We believe the preservation and adaptive reuse of the core Central Pacific Shops buildings as part of the Railroad Technology Museum are essential to this project.

The California State Railroad Museum has already helped to make Sacramento a national tourist destination. The development of the expanded museum, housed in historic buildings that played an important role in America's rail history, can only improve Sacramento's position as a center of historic preservation and educational interpretation.

With over 16,000 members engaged in preservation and historical interpretation projects across the country, the NRHS understands the important role of the CSRM in explaining the history of America's railroads and their contribution to the development of the country. In fact, the CSRM is widely recognized as one of handful of truly world-class railway heritage organizations. The preservation of the Central Pacific Shops as part of this interpretive program represents a unique opportunity to develop a facility of even greater historical value. We hope that Sacramento will recognize this opportunity to build an attraction of truly global significance.

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**Subject:** California State Railroad Museum (CSRM)

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I am an architect licensed to practice architecture in California. As you know, the California Historical Preservation Act is a unique entity with its mission pretty well stated in its name. In recognition of the intent of preserving historic buildings, I cannot think of a better use for an old train station than for it to house old trains. This train station played such a vital role in the history of Sacramento that it is still recognized by many as the most significant symbol or historical building in the city.

Developers can build and restore just about anywhere. This is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to retain and restore our history. What a shame it would be to throw this away for a few, short time, tax dollars; when in fact, both the CSRM museum and development could occur simultaneously. I urge you to support the CSRM and preserve the intent of the California Historical Preservation Act and more importantly to preserve our national heritage as well as the heritage of Sacramento.

If done correctly, I believe that CSRM would help the developer and the developer would help CSRM where each would benefit from each other's draw. This would be a win-win.

I would appreciate a response to this email to understand where you stand on this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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**Subject:** Letter Supporting the CA State RR Museum's RTM  
**Attachments:** CSRSM Support Letter to Mayor Fargo.doc

Dear Mayor Fargo,

Please review the attached letter of support in advance of tonight's Sacramento City Council meeting.

Thank you!

Scott Becker

Executive Director, Pennsylvania Trolley Museum

Past President of the Association of Railway Museums

**From:** Brian Solomon <brian@goodread.com>  
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**Subject:** CSR

20 November 2007

Dear Heather Fargo, Mayor of the City of Sacramento,

I am the author of more than 30 books on railroads in the United States, including several books on the Southern Pacific and its trains and facilities. My books are sold in most major bookstores in the United States, and around the world. In the early 1990s, I lived and worked in the Sacramento-area and I'm familiar and very fond of the city and its people. At present I am writing to you from Dublin, Ireland. I am working on a detailed book highlighting the history of railroads in California and focusing on historic sites open to the public. This will be published by Motorbooks International in 2009.

I am writing to you not to boast of my achievements, but to voice my support for the California State Railroad Museum's planned development of the former Southern Pacific Shops in Sacramento. This one-of-a-kind site is important to the history of California, the development of Sacramento, and the heritage of the United States. I cannot stress enough the unique regional and national significance of this site. Especially with the continuing and rapid development of the West, this site must be preserved for future generations as a tangible reminder of our astonishing accomplishments in settling the continent. It is not only a potentially major tourist attraction, but a crucial part of California's history. For this site to be lost to ordinary commercial development would be a tragedy. Its preservation as part of the California State Railroad Museum would be the most fitting and logical position for this site.

Central Pacific, which first developed the site, was the western partner in the first Transcontinental Railroad. Perhaps no other project had a greater role in the development of California in the middle years of the 19th Century. When the Transcontinental Railroad was completed in 1869, a telegraph signal resounded around the Nation and across the Globe. It was a tremendous accomplishment, akin with the first moon landing a century later. The surviving shops in Sacramento represent one of the single most significant historic sites in California. I can think of no higher or better use than as a preserved, interpreted, and honored museum presentation.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Railroad Technology Museum

The Boiler Shop & the Erecting Shop

November 19 2007

Subject: Support TWO buildings for the Railroad Technology Museum in the Railyards

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Please support the Railroad Technology Museum in the Boiler Shop and Erecting Shop in the Railyards.

This is an important issue to me. The two buildings are a very important part of the city of Sacramento, the state of California and the United States of America. They should be preserved and used to help teach the future generations about the railroads and what an important part they had in making this country, state and city so great. Without the railroads we would not be where we are today. (A great Nation) The Railroad Museum will be the best for preserving this great landmarks and artifacts and telling the next generations the history of this great state and the part the railroads played in making it. The Railroad Museum would also be able to tell the story (history) in an entertaining way that would make it come to life for all that attend. The developer wants the tax payers to fund his project that will only line his pockets with money and not give to the tax payers a good return on their money. It is your job to see that the tax payers' money is not wasted and

important historical landmarks are not lost for future generations. Preserve these historic buildings and use the money the tax payers in trust to you for the benefit of future generation's education. It will be a crime if you don't.

Railroad workers built, repaired, and maintained locomotives and railroad equipment in the Railyards for 130 years. In TWO of these historic Shop Buildings—the Erecting Shop and the Boiler Shop—we will honor our railroading heritage and the diversity of the railroad workers and how they shaped our city. This new museum will feature engaging hands-on exhibits, live theater, artisans and craftsmen at work, and more. We will showcase rail technology of the future from around the world. The Railroad Technology Museum will make Sacramento an international destination, boosting tourism and contributing to the region's economy.

We support the Railyards project moving forward, but we need TWO buildings. We have only one chance to get this right—and the time is now!

Thank you for your time and supporting this very important issue.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** California State Railroad Museum expansion

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Councilmember Raymond A. Tretheway  
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Hello:

I am a member of the California State Railroad Museum even though I live in Ohio. I have been following CSRM's plans for the Railroad Technology addition for some time and I now understand, via a circuitous route, that these plans are in jeopardy.

I would like to do everything I can to encourage you to resist any changes proposed by the developer and to fully support preservation of our Nation's railroad technology history!!!

It is well know that the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento is, currently, the top railroad museum in the country; it attracts folks from all over the U.S. and the world. Its position will be enhance greatly by the acquisition of the Central Pacific/Southern Pacific shop buildings -- where history was created through construction and maintenance of locomotives and rolling stock in the 19th and (in part) 20th centuries. And this history took place, not in the industrial East Coast, but in Sacramento.

In one of my many visits, I was part of a multiple family group from Cincinnati who attended Railfair '99 and can tell you first hand how much we enjoyed our week-long stay in Sacramento. It is certainly my hope now that we can return and enjoy the larger venue that the Museum staff has planned and to which we have looked forward.

During Railfair '99, I also remember that it was rather warm that week -- part of the charm, really. And I can say, with anecdotal evidence, that CSRM is a "world attraction" as I can recount not only the excitement of the Fair but meeting folks from everywhere, particularly the United Kingdom.

I hope these comments are helpful in forming the decisions that you face.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** The California State Railroad Museum

Mayor Fargo,

I was deeply troubled to receive word that the wonderful plans of the California State Railroad Museum and California State Parks to turn the former Central Pacific 19th century shop facility into a world class museum have been, well, derailed. I recently had a chance to travel to England and was privileged to have a chance to visit their National Railway Museum in York. The NRM has recently completed equivalent additions to the planned Railroad Technology Museum, and this has been an enormous success for them. It would be a shame for Sacramento to miss this comparable opportunity. I believe that expanding Sacramento's world class museum would be an enormous asset to the community's economy and to its culture.

The Georgia based development firm would like to have a project which they can sell to many other communities in the future, but those are not communities with the same potential that Sacramento has. Many towns have old buildings which could be turned into commercial developments, but only Sacramento can capitalize on linking its historic buildings to its world class museum and receive positive publicity throughout the United States, Britain, Australia, Germany, Japan, and every other country which has railfans whom would travel to Sacramento to see the Railroad Technology Museum. Thomas Enterprises does not have as much to gain, or to lose, from this deal as Sacramento. I hope that the Sacramento City Council realizes the opportunity which they have and capitalize on it.

Thank you,  
Michael York

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**Subject:** Support TWO buildings for the Railroad Technology Museum in the Railyards

November 19, 2007

Subject: Support TWO buildings for the Railroad Technology Museum in the Railyards

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Please support the Railroad Technology Museum in the Boiler Shop and Erecting Shop in the Railyards. This is an important issue to me as both my wife and I have had family members employed by the Railroad. The history written in these buildings is very important to us, the Railroad and the State of California. This story must be preserved for and told to future generations.

Railroad workers built, repaired, and maintained locomotives and railroad equipment in the Railyards for 130 years. In TWO of these historic Shop Buildings—the Erecting Shop and the Boiler Shop—we will honor our railroading heritage and the diversity of the railroad workers and how they shaped our city. This new museum will feature engaging hands-on exhibits, live theater, artisans and craftsmen at work, and more. We will showcase rail technology of the future from around the world. The Railroad Technology Museum will make Sacramento an international destination, boosting tourism and contributing to the region's economy.

We support the Railyards project moving forward, but we need TWO buildings. We have only one chance to get this right—and the time is now!

Sincerely,

Don & Laurie Jo Leed

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The Honorable Mayor Heather Fargo

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Dear Mayor Fargo,

I have followed with great anticipation and interest the proposed rescue of Sacramento's Central Pacific Railroad shops. They are such a rich part of the history of Sacramento, California and the Nation. Preserving them as an historic record of the labors of the common man is a cultural must. Those denim clad workers who toiled there to build, repair and operate the engines of progress were as responsible for the rise of California and the City of Sacramento as any who walked the halls of government or industry.

What a wonderful and appropriate addition of the California State Railroad Museum! The CSRM is the crown jewel of such efforts in the entire country. To preserve the shops as an historically accurate touchstone to the colorful, culturally significant heritage of railroading is indeed a worthwhile and commendable effort. The CSRM and the Central Pacific shops are a national treasure.

Glenn E. Brendel, President

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**Subject:** Yes on the Railyards Project,

As a member of the Sacramento Builders' Exchange, I support the passage of the Railyards Project. The Railyards project has been sufficiently vetted and needs approval in time to apply for state infrastructure funds. I ask that you fully support this project and vote YES for more construction jobs for Sacramento companies. For more info on the Sacramento Builders' Exchange YES position, contact the SBE Governmental Affairs Coordinator Joshua Wood at (916) 442-8991.

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