



# Correspondence

## Meeting of November 20, 2007

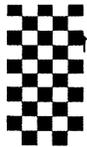
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Mayor Heather Fargo  
City Hall  
915 I Street, Floor 5  
Sacramento, CA 95814

November 5, 2007

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I cannot believe what I am hearing about Thomas Enterprises renegeing on their original agreement to allow the California State Railroad Museum purchase rights to the historic Boiler and Erecting Shops. If my history is correct these two buildings were once part of the Central Pacific Railroad and date back to the 1870s. They need to be preserved and what better way than being utilized as historic railroad venues. Combined with the Old Town Railroad museums, Sacramento could lay claim to be home to the number one railroad museum complex on planet earth. Not bad for Sacramento's image.

With over one-half million visitors a year and more to come with the addition of the two shops, no way will the area ever become a "black hole." It could be that Thomas Enterprises are just greedy and have no understanding of the need to preserve both Sacramento's and California's history.

I urge you to support the California State Railroad Museum and California State Parks in acquiring the Boiler and Erecting Shops.

Regards,

*JAMES NEIDER*

James Neider

- cc Raymond L. Tretheway
- Sandy Sheedy
- Steve Cohn
- Robert King Fong
- Lauren Hammond
- Kevin McCarty
- Robbie Waters
- Bonnie Pannell

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**Date:** Mon, Oct 22, 2007 10:33 AM  
**Subject:** Support the Railroad Technology Museum in TWO Shop buildings in the Railyards

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I urge you to support designating the Boiler Shop and Erecting Shop in the Railyards for the Railroad Technology Museum, which will be owned and operated by California State Parks.

For 130 years, thousands of railroad workers built, repaired, and maintained locomotives and railroad equipment in the Railyards to keep the Southern Pacific Railroad running. Today, these historic Shop buildings are all that remain of the structures that once supported this vast industrial complex.

Two of these shops, the Erecting Shop and the Boiler Shop, are to be the site for the long planned Railroad Technology Museum, which will honor our railroading heritage, showcase railroad technology from the past and the future and draw half a million visitors from around the world to this new cultural attraction.

The Railroad Technology Museum in two of the shop buildings will continue the use of the Shops to support the Museum's ongoing restoration and maintenance needs, providing an authentic and publicly accessible experience for all.

Sincerely,

The Greenhaw Family (Caboose Club Member)

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**Clerk-Submit - Railyard**

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**From:** Joy Doyle <joydjoyd1@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** Friday, November 09, 2007 8:32 AM  
**Subject:** Railyard

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I have a concern about limiting the spaces for the Railroad Technology Museum. From my experience working in rail, I have noticed the conversion of rail facilities to commercial is not always successful.

The Rail Museum is a world class attraction, and much of the business in Old Sacramento is generated by tourists. My concern is the development proposed for the railyards will not be a magnet for the area shoppers sufficient to make it viable. For that reason, it will need the extra revenues from the people who make Sacramento a destination because of the Rail Museum. It would be a shame to lose the available facilities when they have the potential to draw even more visitors to Sacramento.

Perhaps it would be worthwhile to check the Rail Museum to gain some statistics on the visitors.

**Joy Doyle**

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**Date:** Mon, Oct 22, 2007 10:47 AM  
**Subject:** Support of 2 currently used shop buildings in Railyards

Dear Honorable Heather Fargo and City Council Members:

I support the continued use of the two shop buildings used by the Museum.

I have been a supporter of this facility for over ten years and have many hours working, as a volunteer, with the crew to maintain engines and cars in the shop.

You may know both buildings are currently used by the museum. One is used as a shop for support of the Museum's Sacramento Southern Railroad. The other holds railroad artifacts including historic steam locomotives. These buildings are inextricably linked with the, recently restored, transfer table. In the future the museum will use the second building for a Railroad Technology museum.

The museum is internationally recognized with membership throughout the world. The increasing size of the exhibits will benefit the city, county, and state residents with the increased visitation and longer stays in our area. Additionally I understand the museum and the CA State Railroad Museum's Foundation currently have funds available to begin this new project.

I urge you to support the use of these two buildings for the continued support of this incredible facility.

Hugh Crawford  
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**From:** "Orpe, Randolph C MSG NGCA" <randolph.c.orpe@us.army.mil>  
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**Date:** 11:59 AM 11/2/2007  
**Subject:** Support the Acquisition of TWO Southern Pacific Shop Buildings by the Sacramento Railroad Museum (UNCLASSIFIED)

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02 November 2007

Dear Mayor Fargo and Council Members

I have been following the progress of the development in the old Southern Pacific railroad shops. As a person interested in history and the preservation of our heritage I am concerned that the remaining two buildings currently in use by the California Railroad Museum may be demolished or converted to retail shops.

These buildings are all that remain of the large industrial complex that once supported the railroad during our State's development. Railroads were and are the keystone of progress both here in California and the United States. The Sacramento shops in particular are a poignant reminder of the hard work of the thousands of workers that built our great State. The two buildings continue to operate in support of the State railroad museum. It is my experience that once items of historical significance are converted or destroyed, history and our knowledge of it is gone and we can never get it back.

Please support acquisition of the TWO remaining shop buildings by the park system and the California Railroad Museum. These buildings are of immense historical significance and also house artifacts of tremendous value. Additionally the two buildings support the museum's restoration efforts, great work that really can not be done anywhere else. Please help the museum retain these pieces of history.

Very Respectfully  
Randy Orpe

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

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**From:** "Nico Forte" <pizzaguy@gmail.com>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 10:31 PM 10/29/2007  
**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

Nico Forte  
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October 30, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Like so many Sacramento residents, I too have been following with great interest, the potential to see the rail yards developed.

I was at last weeks City Council meeting (Oct, 23) in which much of the night was devoted to hearing from people who favor having a second building being devoted into a proposed technology museum. The dream and vision that these people have is honorable and well-meaning.

However, I believe that the group that is leading the effort to develop the rail yards should be given a great deal of consideration with their plans. Both the museum group and the developer are looking to repurpose this building (use it for something other than what it was originally used for). As much as I would like to see a technology museum, this type of museum can be done in any building and in any place. A technology (high-tech) museum does not have to be located in a historic building in order for it to be successful.

I have seen the plans that Thomas Enterprise has put together. They are looking to make use of this building that encourages community involvement from all around the city and surrounding environs. They are also looking to show off and make use of the buildings architecture and historic qualities; like The Ferry Terminal in San Francisco, South Street Seaport in New York City and Seattle's Pike Place market to name just a few. These venues have an energy to them that draws people to them. The architects to these places have repurposed these buildings to create lively venues for people to enjoy on a daily basis.

Museums on the other hand, as culturally enlightening and beneficial as they are, fall short in this regard. As nice as the technology museum in San Jose is, it hasn't done much to improve community and neighborhood involvement in the area. It has essentially remained a commuter city.

In addition, I also feel that 'the tail should not wag the dog'.

Development in this case is the reason why this 'building' issue is being raised. In other words, if there wasn't a developer willing to take on the huge financial risk of developing this site, there wouldn't be an issue of how many buildings should be given to a potential museum. There wouldn't be a museum at all. The land would be 'preserved' just as it is now, a toxic wasteland.

Hopefully an amicable decision between the railroad museum and Thomas Enterprises can be worked out. But, if it cannot, I hope you will allow the leaders that are taking the risk to see it through. I believe they have a well-thought plan that encourages an interactive community that is respectful of the past as well as the future. One that has sought to work with the citizens of Sacramento as well as being financially sound.

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Respectfully,

R. Nico Forte  
Consultant  
Sacramento Resident

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**Clerk-Submit - Redevelopment and Railroad Technology Museum**

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**From:** Kurt Grundel <kurtgrundel@yahoo.com>  
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**Date:** Monday, October 29, 2007 6:27 PM  
**Subject:** Redevelopment and Railroad Technology Museum  
**CC:** <rtretheway@cityofsacramento.org>

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Up front, I am not a constituent of yours in the fine City of Sacramento. When I heard the news that the Mayor is for the elimination of the historic railroad shop buildings I was incensed.

I am an elected official and on our local LAFCO. In my county we try to keep our heritage as well as development inter fill to keep our county and cities modern yet viable with history and class. I find that if the developer is hungry and of good quality they will take a good piece of property and make it better. This doesn't sound like that will be the case, so maybe the City Council should consider leaning on the developer. If not, they will often take the easy route, and work with one flat empty piece of property and more than likely come up with something that looks like North Natomas. A chance to loose history and have one large aging development in the future. Sacramento is blessed with many great museums, in some cases the museum is also the value of the building, as in the Crocker Museum. I think that site would make a great parking tower for Old Town and the government buildings in that west district. I am glad it is not. The City has worked with great integration of architecture and time periods, why change?

Please save our history and progress with pride and incorporate Sacramento's Heritage with its future.

Kurt Grundel  
Nevada County

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October 29, 2007

Sacramento City Council  
 New City Hall  
 915 I Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Sacramento, 95814

Honorable Mayor & Council Members –

RE: SUPPORT THE RAILROAD TECHNOLOGY MUSEUM IN **TWO**  
 SHOP BUILDINGS in the RAILYARDS

I have been very involved in the plans for the development of our Historic Railyards. This is one of Sacramento's Historic premier catalysts that developed this city and what made Sacramento what it is today-next to the Capitol.

You, the current City Council, are the stewards, and directors of how this historic significant development will unfold. We understand that it has become a complicated many faceted project, but the Two Shop buildings-the Erecting Shop and the Boiler Shop- should unequivocally be designated the STATE RAILROAD TECHNOLOGY MUSEUM.

Yes, there are many re-adaptive uses for these buildings, but businesses come and go, where as, the Railroad Technology Museum will be there for many years to come. This new museum will continue to use the shops to run an operating railroad—as they were used for 130+ years—and to provide an “authentic experience” in the Railyards.

I urge your to support designating the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop for the Railroad Technology Museum, which will be owned and operated by California State Parks. T

Yours in Preservation,

Kathleen D. Green  
 916-739-0264  
 Sent via email

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**ROBERT A. BELL**

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October 29, 2007

Sacramento City Council Members and Mayor  
City Hall  
915 I Street, Floor 5  
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Dear Mayor or City Council Members:

I am very interested in the development of the downtown Railyards as a former city resident for 20 plus years and currently still involved in the business I founded in Rancho Cordova in 1981. I am a former docent for the California State Railroad Museum and continue to be active in Railroad History and preservation in the Truckee area.

For 130 years thousands of railroad workers built, repaired, and maintained locomotives and railroad equipment in the Railyards to keep the Southern Pacific Railroad running. Today, these historic Shop buildings are all that remain of the structures that once supported this vast industrial complex.

Two of these Shop buildings – the Erecting Shop and the Boiler Shop – are to be the site for the long-planned Railroad Technology Museum, which will honor our railroading heritage, showcase railroad technology for the past and the future, and draw half a million visitors from around the world to this new cultural attraction. If only ONE Shop building is available the ultimate experience will be greatly diminished and inadequate.

I urge you to support designating **BOTH** the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop in the Railyards for the Railroad Technology Museum, which will be owned and operated by California State Parks.

This new museum will continue the use of the Shops to run an operation railroad – as they were used for 130 years – and to provide an “authentic experience” in the Railyards.

This world-class museum will showcase the technology of railroading of yesterday, today, and tomorrow using hands-on interactive exhibits.

The Railroad Technology Museum in TWO of these Shop buildings will continue the use of the Shops to support the Museum’s ongoing restoration and maintenance needs, providing an authentic and publicly accessible experience for all.

Sincerely,



cultural and economic benefit to the city of Sacramento and the State of California.

Please support the transfer and refurbishing of both Shops as a valued addition to an already well-maintained California State Park and California State Railroad Museum Facility.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christopher D. Horton  
Rail Fan and Supporter  
1-541-485-3794

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**Clerk-Submit - "Proposal for the Railyard"**

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**From:** "Mel Billingsley" <melbilljr@comcast.net>  
**To:** <forum@sacbee.com>  
**Date:** Sunday, October 28, 2007 11:14 AM  
**Subject:** "Proposal for the Railyard"  
**CC:** "CC - Mayor" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>, "CC - District #6" <KMccarty@cityofsacramento.org>, "SAC - Brooks Truitt" <Brookstruitt@aol.com>, "GPAC - Joe Yee" <jyee@oyarch.com>

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RE: Sacramento Bee – Forum Section, pages E1 and E4, Sunday, October 28, 2007 – “Is vision as grand as Sacramento’s history?”

Taking advantage of the land development opportunities in Sacramento’s 240-acre rail-yards site is proving to have all the same complexity and intrigue as did the water rights issues in early 1900s Los Angeles. These were typified in the movie “Chinatown” with a young Jack Nicholson’s character trying to unravel the real stories behind the story. Perhaps one day we’ll be watching the movie “The Rail Yards” with George Clooney chasing down clues to unravel the real truth.

The story can go a couple of ways.

If we are fortunate we’ll view this action against a backdrop of a developed rail-yards area, vibrant with individual neighborhood’s; each with unique core streets that are gathering places for locals and regional visitors. The story might start with Clooney meeting with the movie’s ingénue; at a sidewalk café situated on a “great street”. With each new scene the international movie viewers are treated to a backdrop of the city’s various attractions, making them think Sacramento might be a good vacation destination.

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The plot falters. Clooney tosses the script aside. The movie can’t find producers without Clooney. Another great film idea is lost, simply because the players in the real story lacked the will to ensure the rail-yards area was developed with vision. Much like I-5 cut through the heart of Sacramento’s river frontage for lack of vision, the rail-yards site can be lost as a jewel forever because a developer who lives 3,000 miles away wants a project to “pencil out” as a short-term investment. The “Iconic sense of place” Pia Lopez writes of really doesn’t have a place in financial investments – these are the responsibility of long-view politicians.

hmmmm, maybe I was too hasty. Enter Sean Penn, famous bad boy actor as big time developer...

Mel Billingsley

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**From:** <ron.butts@sbcglobal.net>  
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**Subject:** Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop Buildings in the Railyards

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As a life-long railfan and railroad photographer with a specific interest in the Southern Pacific Railroad, and a current member of the California Railroad Museum and Foundation, I am very interested in the development of the downtown Railyards.

The Central Pacific Railroad, and subsequently the Southern Pacific Railroad, played a significant role in the development of Sacramento. For more the 130 years the workers of the Southern Pacific Railroad built and maintained thousands of locomotives, rail cars, and other equipment that kept the railroad running. Today, these historic buildings are all that remain of the structures that once supported this vast industrial complex.

Two of these Shop buildings- the Erecting Shop and the Boiler Shop- are to be the site for the long-planned Railroad Technology Museum, which will honor our railroad heritage, showcase railroad technology from the past and the future, and draw half a million visitors from around the world. The Museum spent over \$500,000 to restore the 65-ton transfer table that allows the museum to move its stored equipment between these two buildings. Without these two buildings, the collection of historical equipment that has been donated to the Museum will no longer be able to be stored in a controlled environment, and I fear the equipment will again be forced to be stored in a manner where they are subject to the elements, which will be harmful to their long-term survival. The two Shop buildings will be needed for the ongoing restoration and maintenance of this historic equipment, and will provide an authentic and publicly accessible experience for visitors to the Museum.

I urge you to support designating the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop in the Railyards for the Railroad Technology Museum, which will be owned and operated by the California State Parks. The California Railroad Museum is a World-Class railroad museum, and the TWO Shop buildings are needed by the Museum to expand its collection of restored equipment.

Sincerely,

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**Clerk-Submit - Railroad museum -- yes to two building shops**

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**From:** <merrymaga@comcast.net>  
**To:** <hfargo@cityofSacramento.org>  
**Date:** Friday, October 26, 2007 10:43 AM  
**Subject:** Railroad museum -- yes to two building shops

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Mayor and Council Members:

I was out of town and just got the notice about the request for two historic railroad shop buildings.

I can only add my support to this project. It is the railroad museum that is the biggest draw for all tourists young and old who visit Sacramento. Besides being a first class museum, this request for two shop buildings preserves a history that dates back to the 1860's. I just represent an average citizen who knows that this museum request can only add to making this the premier railroad museum in the United States and the outcome can only bring economic advantages to California.

Jacqueline Cathcart

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**Clerk-Submit - Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop buildings in the Railyards**

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**From:** Mas Hatano <mashatano@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>, <rtretheway@cityofsacramento.org>, <ssheedy@cityofsacramento.org>, <scohn@cityofsacramento.org>, <rkfong@cityofsacramento.org>, <lhammond@cityofsacramento.org>, <KMcCarty@cityofsacramento.org>, <rwaters@cityofsacramento.org>, <bpannell@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** Thursday, October 25, 2007 10:05 PM  
**Subject:** Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop buildings in the Railyards  
**CC:** <kdaigle@csrmf.org>

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I urge you to support designating the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop in the Railyards for the Railroad Technology Museum which will be owned and operated by California State Parks.

I have been a Docent at the Railroad Museum for 16 years and experienced visitors from around the world. It has gained a reputation as the foremost Interpretive Railroad Museum in the world. I have heard many, many compliments as the finest Railroad Museum in the world.

Sacramento will be recognized as the home of the Museum where over 500,000 visitors come each year. The addition of both buildings will go a long way towards the Railroad Museum becoming a complete educational, historical and a must go to destination.

Thank You for your support !

Sincerely,  
Mas Hatano

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**Clerk-Submit - central pacific shops MUST be developed as a railroad museum**

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**From:** "Lloyd David Lewis" <ldlewis007@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** Thursday, October 25, 2007 4:48 PM  
**Subject:** central pacific shops MUST be developed as a railroad museum  
**CC:** <raytretheway@cityofsacramento.org>, <ldlewis007@hotmail.com>

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This above subject line says it all, Your Honor. A deal is a deal -- is a deal. This developer should NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO ANYTHING AKIN to developiing JUST ANOTHER entertainment and shopping complex just to line his personal pockets!! These are a dime a dozen all over the WORLD. Railroad Shops dating from 1869 ARE NOT!! End of Discussion & I hope You agree!! Lloyd D. Lewis.

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**From:** "Jean Schaffer" <jeanandbob96@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 12:08 PM 10/25/2007  
**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

Jean Schaffer  
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Sacramento, CA 95818-3422

October 25, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

I am a resident of Land Park and recently attended a presentation on the Railroad Yard Project. I was impressed by the scope of the project and the elements being brought into the project to create a walkable, vibrant project that I believe will be a draw for the whole area. I am excited and anxiously awaiting the opening of the Public Market and Performing Arts Center. It seemed to me that the developer went to great lengths to create an urban environment that people will want to visit, shop, dine and live in. I hope after all this effort, the plan will not be delayed or derailed by one small group that is looking for a Freebie. This project is too important and too well thought out to allow one group to harm the welfare of the community. Please move this project forward. I cannot wait to have a downtown with the amenities of Portland and other great cities.

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

Jean Schaffer  
916.443.8002

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October 23, 2007

Transmitted by Email

Honorable Mayor Heather Fargo  
Members of the City Council  
New City Hall, 5th Floor  
915 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Historic Sacramento Railyards – Railroad Technology Museum

Dear Mayor Fargo and City Council Members:

I am writing as an individual who set up the pre-restoration tours at the Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park in the late 1980s and early 1990s. I am asking you all to support California State Parks' request that the Railroad Technology Museum be located in both the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop.

While at the Stanford Mansion, I was stunned by the number of local visitors who had very little knowledge of this city's railroading history. The importance of these two buildings is critical to deliver of the message of the historical significance of railroading to Sacramento and California. There is only one place in the country where railroading started, while there are many business and shopping malls in the metropolitan area.

Moreover, the Boiler Shop and Erecting Shop are still used by the California State Railroad Museum; they have long planned for a Museum of Railroad Technology and have raised nearly 80% of the required funding to ensure that the full story of railroading is told. The Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop are both critical to the viability of a Museum of Railroad Technology. Please do not relegate what was a fine museum in 1981 to a secondary role in the historic Sacramento Railyards project.

Sincerely,  
Patricia A. Turse  
3109 D St.  
Sacramento, CA 95816

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**Clerk-Submit - Fwd: Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop Buildings in the Railyards**

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**From:** Heather Fargo  
**To:** Clerk-Submit  
**Date:** Friday, October 26, 2007 3:57 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop Buildings in the Railyards  
**Attachments:** Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop Buildings in the Railyards; Railroad museum -- yes to two building shops; Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop buildings in the Railyards; central pacific shops MUST be developed as a railroad museum; Stand up to special interests; Railyards letter; Support rail tech. museum; Railroad Technology Museum; Support the Railroad Technology Museum in TWO Shop Buildings

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Dear Mayor Fargo,

I strongly urge you and members of the city council to support designation of the Boiler Shop and Erecting Shop for the Railroad Technology Museum which will be owned and operated by the California State Parks.

One of the buildings, without the other, will be almost useless to the technology museum plans. A great deal of money, mostly donated, was used to rebuild the transfer table between the two buildings. This piece of equipment will be useless and money wasted if both buildings are not utilized for the museum.

To use these shops as an operating railroad-as they were 130 years ago- will provide an authentic experience in the railyards for all, young and old, to see. If these buildings are not saved now, this experience will be lost forever. Do you want that on your conscience?

Sincerely,

Bill Schell  
Magalia Ca.

Member: California State Railroad Museum, National Railway Historical Society, Feather River Rail Society, Bay Area Electric Railroad Association and Gold Nugget Museum.

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**Clerk-Submit - Fwd: Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop Buildings in the Railyards**

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**From:** Heather Fargo  
**To:** Clerk-Submit  
**Date:** Friday, October 26, 2007 3:57 PM  
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Dear Mayor Fargo,

I would like to sincerely express my support in developing the new Railroad Technology Museum with both the **Boiler Shop** and the **Erecting Shop** of the old Sacramento Locomotive Works.

Both of these buildings are American icons in that they were instrumental in helping to build the United States into what it is today - a super industrial nation!

The transcontinental railroad (with its western terminus of Sacramento) forever changed the landscape of America by binding the nation from coast to coast. The construction of this railroad far surpasses any project ever completed in this country as far as difficulty, complexity and finance.

To not include both buildings in the Railroad Technology Museum would be a travesty. These buildings could be a huge economic boost to the city of Sacramento and need to be preserved for future generations of people to visit. Locomotives have been rusting outside in the rain for decades and need to be restored and kept in these buildings. We need to know what it was like to build these steam locomotives and cars in these shops and see how they were overhauled and maintained. So much of our industrial past has been destroyed in favor of new commercial developments.

Please do whatever is necessary to preserve these historic buildings!

Sincerely,

Tim Gray  
(timdgray@hotmail.com)  
Sacramento Rail Museum member and railfan

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**Clerk-Submit - Fwd: Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop Buildings in the Railyards**

**From:** Heather Fargo  
**To:** Clerk-Submit  
**Date:** Friday, October 26, 2007 3:57 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop Buildings in the Railyards  
**Attachments:** Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop Buildings in the Railyards; Railroad museum -- yes to two building shops; Support the Railroad Technology Museum in Two Shop buildings in the Railyards; central pacific shops MUST be developed as a railroad museum; Stand up to special interests; Railyards letter; Support rail tech. museum; Railroad Technology Museum; Support the Railroad Technology Museum in TWO Shop Buildings

Dear Mayor Fargo and Sacramento City Council Members—

As a life-long professional railroader with a deep appreciation for the history of the industry, and as one who has visited the California State Railroad Museum, I'm emailing you individually and collectively to voice my support for securing two buildings, the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop, as the site of the long-planned Railroad Technology Museum in the former Southern Pacific Sacramento shops complex.

Sacramento holds a conspicuous place in the history of America's first transcontinental railroad, and of the subsequent development of the Southern Pacific (and thereby, the state of California). Both the city and the state are blessed to have the cultural resource that is the California State Railroad Museum, which I consider to be the finest railroad museum in the United States and a state-of-the-art example of what the interpretive, interactive 21<sup>st</sup> Century museum experience should be. It is obvious to me that the museum has attained and continues to maintain this reputation and stature as the result of intelligent design and execution, and focused leadership by people who are committed to the task and understand the technology and history of the railroad industry.

The development of the Railroad Technology Museum is at a crossroads. Based on what has been accomplished at the California State Railroad Museum, I would submit that those that have made it a success through design, planning, execution, and management can and will repeat the process and the resulting accomplishments with the Railroad Technology Museum. California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum have funding in-hand to stabilize and begin rehabilitation of both of these 19<sup>th</sup> Century structures that can best commemorate and celebrate the technology and history of railroading in California. Both structures are required for the Railroad Technology Museum to be viable. Not just preservation for preservation's sake, this will both preserve these structures as well as transform them to serve a new purpose, guided by people with a demonstrable track-record of success.

Your Honor and the City Council have but one opportunity to get this right, and that opportunity is at hand. Your support for the Railroad Technology Museum in both the Boiler Shop and Erecting Shop will continue the use of the Shops to support the Museum's ongoing restoration and maintenance needs while simultaneously providing an authentic, publicly-accessible, cutting-edge cultural experience for all. I respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

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 Vice President - Transportation  
 Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway  
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**From:** "James Goodchap" <james@goodchap.com>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 9:19 AM 10/24/2007  
**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

James Goodchap  
1014 Second Street Suite 300  
sacramento, CA 95814-3219

October 24, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

The impact of this project is expected to be a massive economic benefit for the entire region. The overall economic impact and benefit of the project is estimated to be over \$10 billion to the regional economy over next 15 years. It will provide increased tax revenue for the region and provide thousands of full and part-time jobs in the Capital Region Core in a manner meeting smart growth Blueprint principles. Please don't let this opportunity pass us by with this sudden change in the projects' plan.

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

James Goodchap  
Founder / CEO  
Goodchap Brand Identity

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**Clerk-Submit - Railyard Preservation**

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**From:** <EMartin187@aol.com>  
**To:** <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:44 AM  
**Subject:** Railyard Preservation

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**Subject: Railroad Technology Museum in TWO Shop buildings in the Rail yards**

Dear Mayor Fargo

I am very concerned about the development of the downtown Rail yards. I grew up in California and have long been interested in the history and the use of these shop buildings by the Southern Pacific Railroad and the subsequent use of these buildings by the California State Railroad Museum. I am a member of the Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society and recently took a tour of the two buildings of the Museum.

For more than 100 years, thousands of railroad workers built, repaired, and maintained locomotives and railroad equipment in the Rail yards to keep the Southern Pacific Railroad running. Today, these two historic Shop buildings are all that remain of the structures that once supported this vast industrial complex.

Two of the Shop buildings – the Erecting Shop and the Boiler Shop – are to be the site for the long-planned Railroad Technology Museum, which will honor our railroading heritage, showcase railroad technology from the past and the future, and draw thousands of visitors from around the world to this new cultural attraction.

**I urge you to support designating the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop in the Rail yards for the Railroad Technology Museum, which will be owned and operated by California State Parks.**

This new museum will continue the use of these historic Shops to run and operate a railroad – as they were used for 130 years – and to provide an “authentic experience” in the Rail yards.

Sincerely,

Earl Martin  
4019 Pine Cabin  
Roseville, CA 95747

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**Clerk-Submit - Railroad Technology Museum**

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**From:** Ann & Brian Ponty <abponty@yahoo.com>  
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**Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 8:02 AM  
**Subject:** Railroad Technology Museum  
**CC:** <kdaigle@csrmf.org>

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Honorable Mayor Fargo and Members of the Sacramento City Council:

As a frequent visitor to your community I urge you to designate the two historic shop buildings in the Sacramento railyards as the location for the Railroad Technology Museum. This is a rare opportunity for the city to preserve a key link to the area's and California's past for future generations. Doing so will also advance steps the city has already taken to make Sacramento a "destination city."

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**From:** "Sonia Lucas" <sonia@mellowmeout.com>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 7:17 AM 10/24/2007  
**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

Sonia Lucas  
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Sacramento, CA 95825-4209

October 24, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Dear Councilmember,

The community is ready with open arms for this project to move forward. As a downtown business owner, the wait has been long enough to see this area flourish! Sincerely, Sonia Lucas Owner of Mellow Me Out, Inc.

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

Sonia Lucas  
916-482-2772  
CEO  
Mellow Me Out, Inc.

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**From:** "Thomas Yancey" <tyancey@tomyancey.com>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 5:06 AM 10/24/2007  
**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

Thomas Yancey  
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Carmichael, CA 95608-6408

October 24, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

The historic central shops have been incorporated into the design, including several of the streets in the same trajectory as the historic path of the Transcontinental Railroad.

These historic preservation methods far exceed anything previously proposed or approved by the city. Because of this, call and ask the city to rebuff the effort of the special interest and approve the plan as proposed by the project manager. The region's future is too important to negotiate away.

This plan diligently preserves the historic nature of the site. Please recognize the proposed plan, developed in collaboration with the city and community, has many features that enhance the historic preservation BEYOND anything previously approved at the site by:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

Thomas Yancey  
916-933-4828  
Founder - Tom Yancey Company  
Tom Yancey Company

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**From:** Richard Rich <wheelsrich@comcast.net>  
**To:** <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>, <rtretheway@cityofsacramento.org>, <sshee...>  
**CC:** <kdaigle@csrnf.org>  
**Date:** 10:53 PM 10/23/2007  
**Subject:** Support the Railroad Technology Museum in TWO Shop Buildings in the Railyards

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am very interested in the railroad museum's acquisition of BOTH shop buildings, the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop. They are a logically matched pair connected by a very expensive transfer table that was rebuilt with funds from various sources. I personally contributed money to the reconstruction of the transfer table and I would not want to see my money go to waste by giving the Erecting Shop to Thomas Enterprises. The railroad museum is already making full use of both buildings. The Erecting Shop is already filled with railroad engines. It is also an ideal place to restore railroad equipment. That is what the Southern Pacific Railroad did in that building for many, many years.

Many people and organizations donated money for the reconstruction of the transfer table that connects the Boiler Shop to the Erecting shop believing in good faith that the Erecting Shop would be part of the railroad museum. I would hope that one or more entities would take legal action against Thomas Enterprises and/or the City of Sacramento if the Erecting Shop is separated from the museum.

The California State Railroad Museum is internationally recognized. People come to Sacramento from all over the world to visit it. They contribute an enormous amount of money to the Sacramento economy. BOTH Shop buildings are needed to advance the museum to the next logical step in its development. Please consider this issue very carefully.

Sincerely,

Richard Rich  
8704 Great Court  
Elk Grove, CA 95624  
916-685-1860

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**From:** "Nicholas Docous" <ndocous@comcast.net>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 9:13 PM 10/23/2007  
**Subject:** It's about VISION and standing up to special interests

Nicholas Docous  
2733 11th Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95818-4420

October 24, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

No doubt you will receive many e-mails about the Railyards project and standing up to special interests. Rather than copy the talking points that have been suggested, I am going to make my message short and sweet: If we want Sacramento to be a great and livable City, then hard decisions must be made. Making such decisions is why you ran for office and why you were elected. I ask that you do your job and base your decision about the Railyards project - heck, about ANY project - based upon what is best for our City as a whole, not vocal special interests.

In my view, all great Cities live in the present, plan for tomorrow and build on the past. The Railyards project does just this. In years to come we will look back and point to it as a landmark project and laud it as one that set our City on a new course - a course to the future. Your role in approving the project will also be lauded - that of Councilmember on a City Council with Vision. Your duty now is to act accordingly.

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Docous  
9167167390  
Resident  
City of Sacramento

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**Clerk-Submit - FW: Support of California State Railroad Museum plan for two shop buildings in the rail yard**

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**From:** "Ken" <kenattr@thirdrail.com>  
**To:** <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:09 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Support of California State Railroad Museum plan for two shop buildings in the rail yard

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Sorry, I forgot Mayor Fargo address on last message.

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**From:** Ken [mailto:kenattr@thirdrail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 9:06 PM  
**To:** 'kdaigle@csrmf.org'  
**Cc:** 'rtretheway@cityofsacramento.org'; 'ssheedy@cityofsacramento.org'; 'scohn@cityofsacramento.org'; 'rkfong@cityofsacramento.org'; 'ihammond@cityofsacramento.org'; 'kmccarty@cityofsacramento.org'; 'rwaters@cityofsacramento.org'; 'bpannell@cityofsacramento.org'  
**Subject:** Support of California State Railroad Museum plan for two shop buildings in the rail yard

Mayor Heather Fargo and all City Council Members.

Having been a member of the SCRM since its beginning, I make repeated trips from Santa Ynez to Sacramento over the years to see such a wonderful museum. Railroad history has been well preserved by the museum, and having seen the changes over many years, I know they will do their best to open more history of how the were made and repaired. The State of California, and those involved in the museum at Sacramento should be justifiable proud of the SCRM. I for one would like to see the addition of the Erecting and Boiler Shops to the museum. There is no justification to remove/destroy this part of California Railroad History.

Sincerely,

Ken Kelley  
Retired USAF pilot  
Extremely interested in Railroading History  
3377 Cimarron Drive  
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

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**Clerk-Submit - California State Railroad Museum**

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**From:** "Bonnie" <colesmom1@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 8:53 PM  
**Subject:** California State Railroad Museum

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Dear Mayor Fargo and all City Council Members:

Please accept this email as my formal request for you to support the "two building" historic shops in the railyards (boiler shop and the erecting shop) for the railroad technology museum. My son Cole Worthington and I are members of the railroad museum. We visit the museum at least once per month because of my son's love of trains. I also am an author inspired by many of the things I've learned while visiting the fabulous railroad museum proudly supported by the city of Sacramento. Please do all you can to ensure railroad history is preserved for future generations to the best of your ability. This is a very worthy cause. Thank you in advance for supporting the TWO building expansion plan!

Sincerely,

Cole, Bonnie and Cal Worthington

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**From:** "Dustin Bell" <dusty@facilityfitnessonline.com>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 7:02 PM 10/23/2007  
**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

Dustin Bell  
1731 Howe Ave, Ste 313  
Sacramento, CA 95825-2209

October 23, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Over the past five years, Thomas Enterprise, the city and the community have worked in a collaborative manner on developing the land use plan for the site. To the project developers' credit, they have taken extraordinary efforts to include input from the city and the community on what the site should look like and what needs to be done. Please don't let this vocal group tonight destroy all the hard work that has occurred over the past five years.

The impact of this project is expected to be a massive economic benefit for the entire region. The overall economic impact and benefit of the project is estimated to be over \$10 billion to the regional economy over next 15 years. It will provide increased tax revenue for the region and provide thousands of full and part-time jobs in the Capital Region Core in a manner meeting smart growth Blueprint principles. Please don't let this opportunity pass us by with this sudden change in the projects' plan.

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The Historic District and Historic Transition Zone as proposed from substantial community discussion are over and above the current Railyards special planning district designations.

These historic preservation methods far exceed anything previously proposed or approved by the city. Because of this, call and ask the city to rebuff the effort of the special interest and approve the plan as proposed by the project manager. The region's future is too important to negotiate away.

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

Dustin Bell  
916-289-7071  
President  
The Dusty B Companies, Inc

**Clerk-Submit - Support the Railroad Technology Museum in TWO Shop buildings in the Rail yards**

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**From:** Richard Collins <rdcollins301@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 6:58 PM  
**Subject:** Support the Railroad Technology Museum in TWO Shop buildings in the Rail yards

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am very interested in the development of the downtown Rail yards. I am a contributing member of the California State Railroad Museum and a member of the Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society. My grandfather introduced me to trains when I was a little boy and I am very interested in preserving the history. These great trains and shops built our nation and should be preserved.

Two of the Shop buildings – **the Erecting Shop and the Boiler Shop** – are to be the site for the long-planned Railroad Technology Museum, which will honor our railroading heritage, showcase railroad technology from the past and the future, and draw half a million visitors from around the world to this new cultural attraction.

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Sincerely,  
Richard and Alice Collins  
301 Phoebe Ct  
Lincoln, CA 95648

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**From:** "Cathleen Dougherty" <cdougherty@cobnks.com>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 6:02 PM 10/23/2007  
**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

Cathleen Dougherty  
802 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

October 23, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

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I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

Cathleen Dougherty  
215-1100  
President/Sacramento Market  
Community Banks of Northern California

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**From:** "Linda Johnston Panattoni" <linda@panattoniinteriors.com>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 6:01 PM 10/23/2007  
**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

Linda Johnston Panattoni  
73 Taylor Way  
Sacramento, CA 95819-2036

October 23, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

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I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

Linda Johnston Panattoni  
Owner/ Designer  
Panattoni Interiors

**Clerk-Submit - TWO SHOP BUILDINGS FOR RAILROAD TECHNOLOGY MUSEUM**

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**From:** "Don G" <dbgholson@gmail.com>  
**To:** <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:55 PM  
**Subject:** TWO SHOP BUILDINGS FOR RAILROAD TECHNOLOGY MUSEUM  
**CC:** <kdaigle@csrmf.org>

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Dear Mayor and Council Members.

Just found out about your 10-23-07 meeting one hour ago.

As a member of the Pacific Locomotive Association (Niles Canyon Railway, Fremont, CA) and the California State Railroad Museum Foundation.

I would like to express my support for two buildings to be reserved for the Railroad Technology Museum. This one-time opportunity must not be lost.

This museum addition will be a great asset to the city of Sacramento as well as the State.

Sincerely,

Donald B. Gholson  
2521 Nordell Ave.  
Castro Valley, CA 94546

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October 23, 2007

Honorable Heather Fargo, Mayor  
Sacramento City Council  
915 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Use of Historic Properties in Sacramento Railyards

Dear Mayor Fargo and City Councilmembers:

The California State Park Rangers Association urges your support for use of the historic Erecting Shop and Boiler Shop in the Sacramento Railyards as a Railroad Technology Museum operated by California State Parks.

Such use would not only protect the cultural significance of these important resources, but would provide access to them and interpretation of them to local residents and to visitors from all over the world.

The California State Park Rangers Association is a professional organization of hundreds of State Park employees and retirees from all classifications within State Parks. We respectfully ask you to consider the protection of these historic resources and making them available to the public.

Sincerely,

Gail Sevrens  
President

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**From:** "Kris Deutschman" <kris@kdcgroup.com>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 5:53 PM 10/23/2007  
**Subject:** Stand up for the future of downtown sacramento

Kris Deutschman  
1717 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811-3001

October 23, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Dear Member,

As a 15-year city resident I'm tired and frustrated at watching the slow decay of our downtown core. I fully support the effort of the city and Thomas Enterprise to redevelop the railyards and believe it would be foolish, shortsighted and small-minded to hold up this project on behalf of zealous historic preservation activists.

Now is the time to show your leadership on this important catalyst project and you have my full support to do so.

Preserving history is important but so is accommodating for a vibrant future.

I urge you to not support the extreme preservation measures called for in the current project manager's plan.

This current plan will mothball what could be the downtown core's ticket to prosperity and major attraction for the region.

Do not be short-sighted. Stand up for the future of a vibrant downtown core.

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

Kris Deutschman

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**From:** "Bruce Starkweather" <bruce.starkweather@lbdg.com>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 5:17 PM 10/23/2007  
**Subject:** Don't be swayed by a vocal minority

Bruce Starkweather  
1919 19th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811-6714

October 23, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Please maintain your courage to make bold, forward thinking decisions for our communities future. The Railyards plan is thoughtful and balanced. Do not be swayed by a vocal minority. The broader community supports their proposal.

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

Bruce Starkweather, AIA  
916-558-1900  
Chairman  
Lionakis Beaumont Design Group

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**Clerk-Submit - Rail Museum**

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**Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:17 PM  
**Subject:** Rail Museum

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The Council Members:

We are BIG supporter of the State Railroad Museum.

We strongly feel the rail yards is a major historical piece of Sacramento and need to expand. The tourism would benefit from the additional history as well as location. We also feel it would increase the revenue to the city.

Please vote in favor of this expansion.

Regards,

**MORRIS GEE, AIA, CSI, CCS**

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**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

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October 23, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
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Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Kevin...

Stand by what's right! Lead the way. Do not follow!

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

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**From:** "Catherine Moulton" <cmoulton@mosaicdevelopment.com>  
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**Date:** 5:10 PM 10/23/2007  
**Subject:** The Railyards and Railroad Museum Debate

Dear Mayor and City Council

The current debate regarding the amount of Railyards historic shops building space to be devoted to the Railroad Museum needs some critical questions asked before allowing both the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop (approximately half the space available in the shops buildings) to be used for the expansion of the Railroad Museum. I have many years of museum development experience, including feasibility of new and expanding museums and there is a common mistake made in the industry. Museum groups sometimes make the unfortunate decision to over build or over expand without challenge to their assumptions of just how many more attendees can be brought with the capital dollars spent. Questions such as the following must be asked and answered to the satisfaction of decision makers before the museum expands, especially if it wants to use space at the Railyards which will require a diverse mix of venues to meet the goals for downtown visitation.

Doubling the size of a museum does not automatically double the attendance. There are factors such as market size, dollars spent per new attendee, dollars spent per square foot, diversity of experience between old and new exhibits, cost of admission, etc. that all play a factor. Regardless of what certain interest groups "want," has the Railroad Museum proven that expanding to the two buildings (with less dollars per projected attendee than is industry standard) will truly double overall attendance (including cannibalization of existing venues)? Is there another use of some of the space in question that would increase net attendance more than the museum's projections? Until this is answered, I would not support both buildings being dedicated to the Railroad Museum. Diversity of experience is key to getting more people to spend time downtown.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Moulton  
midtown resident

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Honorable Heather Fargo  
City Council Members  
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*Sent via facsimile, 916.808.5407, and via e-mail to all addressed*

**Subject: Support the Railroad Technology Museum As Planned**

Dear Mayor Fargo and City Council Members Tretheway, Sheedy, Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Waters, and Pannell:

On behalf of the National Trust for Historic Preservation (National Trust), I am writing to request your strong support of the rehabilitation of the **Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop** in the historic Sacramento Railyards for the Railroad Technology Museum. This long-planned cultural facility will be a key component to the revitalization of the yards and serve as an exciting part of the vitality of the city and region, drawing scores of cultural tourists who stay longer and spend more. In preserving and recycling these fine buildings, you will also be taking the right path in honoring Sacramento's rich heritage and charting its sustainable future.

The National Trust provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize our communities. Congress chartered the National Trust in 1949 as a private nonprofit organization, and with the strong support of our nearly 300,000 members, the National Trust works to protect significant historic sites and to advocate historic preservation as a fundamental value in programs and policies at all levels of government. In addition to our headquarters in Washington, D.C., we have eight regional and field offices throughout the country, including our Western Office in San Francisco, which is responsive to preservation issues in California. We also own and operate 28 historic sites open to the public.

There are few more truly historic and deserving sites related to California and the West's mighty and complex railroad heritage than the Sacramento yards of the Central Pacific and, later, its successor the Southern Pacific Railroad. The two historic shop buildings long planned for the Railroad Technology Museum exemplify the vastness and importance of this industrial landscape, in 1863 the site of groundbreaking for the Transcontinental Railroad. One of the

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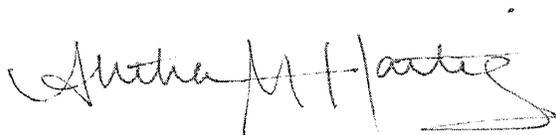
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buildings planned for the Museum, the Erecting Shop, stands as the only existing Transcontinental Railroad-related structure in the West dating from 1869, the year the railroad was completed. For well over one hundred years, thousands of railroad workers built, repaired, and maintained locomotives and railroad equipment in the Railyards to keep the SP running. The long-planned Railroad Technology Museum will honor our railroading heritage, showcase railroad technology from the past and the future, and draw half a million visitors from around the world to this new cultural attraction. Housed in two historic shop buildings, this new museum will be owned and operated by California State Parks, with its proven track record as the leader in the Western U.S. railroad museum expertise. As we understand it, the proposed world-class museum will continue the use of the Shops to run an operating railroad, and to provide an authentic experience in the Railyards.

We at the National Trust and our preservation partners in communities across the nation have seen the economically and culturally successful revitalization of historic railyards and know that the type of experience offered by the proposed Railroad Technology Museum will play a key role in ensuring this success. We hope that you will afford the Museum the space it needs in these two key shop buildings, and that you will provide your unqualified support for the comprehensive listing of the larger district on National Register of Historic Places ensuring these buildings' eligibility for historic tax credits and grants.

Please do not hesitate to call or email with any queries, [anthea\\_hartig@nthp.org](mailto:anthea_hartig@nthp.org), 415.947.0692.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthea M. Hartig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anthea M. Hartig, Ph.D.  
Director, Western Region

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**Date:** 4:58 PM 10/23/2007  
**Subject:** Railyards

Date 10/23/07

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

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am very interested in the development of the downtown Railyards. I live in midtown and spend most of my time in the downtown area. I have been a docent at the California State Railroad Museum for almost three years and donate about 500 hours of my time per year at the Museum.

For 130 years thousands of railroad workers built, repaired, and maintained locomotives and railroad equipment in the Railyards to keep the Southern Pacific Railroad running. Today, these historic Shop buildings are all that remain of the structures that once supported this vast industrial complex.

Two of these Shop buildings—the Erecting Shop and the Boiler Shop—are to be the site for the long-planned Railroad Technology Museum, which will honor our railroading heritage, showcase railroad technology from the past and the future, and draw half a million visitors from around the world to this new cultural attraction.

I urge you to support designating the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop in the Railyards for the Railroad Technology Museum, which will be owned and operated by California State Parks.

This new museum will continue the use of the Shops to run an operating railroad—as they were used for 130 years—and to provide an “authentic experience” in the Railyards.

This world-class museum will showcase the technology of railroading of yesterday, today, and tomorrow using hands-on interactive exhibits.

The Railroad Technology Museum in TWO of these Shop buildings will continue the use of the Shops to support the Museum's ongoing restoration and maintenance needs, providing an authentic and publicly accessible experience for all.

Sincerely,

James F. Kergan

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**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

Tim Murphy  
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October 23, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Over the past five years, Thomas Enterprise, the city and the community have worked in a collaborative manner on developing the land use plan for the site. To the project developers' credit, they have taken extraordinary efforts to include input from the city and the community on what the site should look like and what needs to be done. Please don't let this vocal group tonight destroy all the hard work that has occurred over the past five years.

The impact of this project is expected to be a massive economic benefit for the entire region. The overall economic impact and benefit of the project is estimated to be over \$10 billion to the regional economy over next 15 years. It will provide increased tax revenue for the region and provide thousands of full and part-time jobs in the Capital Region Core in a manner meeting smart growth Blueprint principles. Please don't let this opportunity pass us by with this sudden change in the projects' plan.

This plan diligently preserves the historic nature of the site. Please recognize the proposed plan, developed in collaboration with the city and community, has many features that enhance the historic preservation BEYOND anything previously approved at the site by:

The historic central shops have been incorporated into the design, including several of the streets in the same trajectory as the historic path of the Transcontinental Railroad.

All development plans within the currently proposed Historic District will be subject to the Secretary of the Interior's standards for the treatment of historic properties.

The Historic District and Historic Transition Zone as proposed from substantial community discussion are over and above the current Railyards special planning district designations.

These historic preservation methods far exceed anything previously proposed or approved by the city. Because of this, call and ask the city to rebuff the effort of the special interest and approve the plan as proposed by the project manager. The region's future is too important to negotiate away.

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

Tim Murphy  
916-351-8530

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**Clerk-Submit - Save the Railyard buildings**

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**From:** "Bill H. Floyd" <bhfloyd@scif.com>  
**To:** <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:51 PM  
**Subject:** Save the Railyard buildings

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am very interested in the development of the downtown Rail yards. I am a member of the Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society and recently took a tour of the two buildings in question. I was very impressed with the history and the use of the buildings by the Museum.

For 130 years thousands of railroad workers built, repaired, and maintained locomotives and railroad equipment in the Rail yards to keep the Southern Pacific Railroad running. Today, these historic Shop buildings are all that remain of the structures that once supported this vast industrial complex.

Two of the Shop buildings – the Erecting Shop and the Boiler Shop – are to be the site for the long-planned Railroad Technology Museum, which will honor our railroading heritage, showcase railroad technology from the past and the future, and draw half a million visitors from around the world to this new cultural attraction.

**I urge you to support designating the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop in the Rail yards for the Railroad Technology Museum, which will be owned and operated by California State Parks.**

This new museum will continue the use of the Shops to run and operating g railroad – as they were used for 130 years – and to provide an “authentic experience” in the Rail yards.

Sincerely,

Bill Floyd

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**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

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October 23, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

I am a life long resident of Sacramento. When I was growing up the rail yard was a working rail yard and a beneficial part of the City. But for the last couple of decades it has been nothing but an eye sore. We as a City have an opportunity to turn this property into a jewel for the residents of Sacramento.

I understand that this is a very complicated site to develop, with many tough issues to resolve. Please do not let any special interest groups derail this opportunity for the citizens of Sacramento.

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

David Swartz  
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**Clerk-Submit - Developer Wanting to Destroy Erecting Shop**

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**From:** "harold powell" <trainsharold@alltel.net>  
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**Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007 4:47 PM  
**Subject:** Developer Wanting to Destroy Erecting Shop

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Mayor Fargo....I just read where a developer wants to back out on their deal about the erecting shop the Railroad Tectnology Museum wants,and give them the smaller building.This area is REAL HISTORY and the California State Railroad Museum has displayed the railroad treasures of your state for all to see.Please don't let another developer destroy more of your history,I live in Florida nd can tell you we have lost more historic sites to people looking to make money off of development.Lets keep the historic site and he can build his development with this in mind,around it.We were very happy to see(in our state) the bottom drop out of the building market,alor of developers are moving on.So please save the history.....Harold Powell.....trainsharold@alltel.net.....Callahan Florida

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**From:** "Rick Brown" <rabrown@hertz.com>  
**To:** "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>  
**Date:** 4:38 PM 10/23/2007  
**Subject:** Stand up to special interests

Rick Brown  
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October 23, 2007

Heather Fargo  
Mayor  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Good afternoon,

I am a Division Vice President for the Hertz Corporation and have lived in Sacramento for the past 16 years . My wife and her family have been part of this wonderful community for well over 40 years!

The development of the Sacramento Railyards is one of the most important ( and exciting) projects in the history of this city! Over the past 5 years i have watched Thomas Enterprise, the city , and the community work together on developing the land use plan for this site. To the project developer's credit they have taken extraordinary efforts to include input from the city and community on what the site should look like and what needs to be done! I am privileged to be able to walk the site myself and have been impressed the the "history represented " there. I am also impressed with the plan in place to exceed all expectations to preserve that history. This plan diligently preserves and enhances the historic nature of the Railyards! I urge you to please not allow this vocal group tonight to destroy all the hard work that the city , the community , and Thomas Enterprise has invested over the past 5 years! There is also a massive economic benefit expected for the entire region from this development. With a lot of economic uncertainty today we cannot risk losing those benefits !!!Please do not allow this opportunity to pass us by!

In my short 16 years here i have seen Sacramento transformed into a Dynamic Exciting "Urban " metropolis while maintaining the core values of community and family that are so important to me. The Railyard project is just another example of great vision and planning that makes our City Great!

Please rebuff the efforts of the special interest and approve the plan as proposed by the project manager!!

Thank You,

Rick Brown

I respectfully request that you stand up to special interests.

Sincerely,

Rick Brown  
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Hertz Equipment Rental Corp.

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**Clerk-Submit - Rail Yard Issue**

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**Subject:** Rail Yard Issue  
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I just, over this last weekend, learned that the developer of the rail yard property has now changed his offer of two buildings for the addition to the California State Railroad Museum (CSRM) to one building. This change in effect will keep the CSRM from building the Museum of Railroad Technology addition to its complex. This technology museum would be an important addition to the CSRM complex and a valuable addition to the learning tools for youngsters already provided by the existing facilities. In addition these shop buildings display some of the finest brick masonry to be seen anywhere around this area. It is imperative that the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop be preserved in the state that they were in when they served the Southern Pacific Railroad in that capacity.

My wife and I sincerely hope that you will not allow this developer to remove the possibility of the addition of such a fine and worthwhile addition to the City of Sacramento's already noted World Class Railroad Museum.

Sincerely

Bill & Irene Lugg

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**From:** JOHN VANDERCOOK <jvandercook@sbcglobal.net>  
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**CC:** <kdaigle@csrmf.org>  
**Date:** 4:34 PM 10/23/2007  
**Subject:** Railroad Technology Museum in two SP Shop buildings

Mayor Fargo and Sacramento City Council Members:

I am a rail fan and a member of the Railroad Museum in Sacramento. I was also fortunate enough to tour the SP shops in operation with my father when I was young and it was a site I have never forgotten it. It was an amazing to see and it has years of history dating back to the beginning of railroading. I believe these shops helped shape Sacramento and are rich with history.

Please consider designating the Boiler Shop and the Erecting Shop in the former SP shops for the Railroad Technology Museum to be operated by the California State Parks. Not only will this preserve a true icon of Sacramento, but it will draw many more people to the area to tour the buildings and experience a piece of history.

With the addition of these two buildings, the Railroad Museum will only become a greater experience for everyone that visits it and will allow for needed ongoing maintenance and restoration for the many acquisitions of the Museum.

Thank you for your time and consideration in designating these two buildings for the Railroad Technology Museum.

Sincerely,

John Vandercook