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Correspondence Supplemental 1

Meeting of December 11, 2007

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From: "Klara Foldessy" <sandorfo@sbcglobal.net>
To: "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/6/2007 7:54 PM
Subject: SUPPORT THE SACRAMENTO RAILYARDS PROJECT

Klara Foldessy
5271 Lawler Ave,
Fremont, CA 94536-7051

December 6, 2007

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

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request your support for the Sacramento Railyards project.

Please vote "YES" on Sacramento REailroads Project. We will all benefit from that. Thank you, Klara Also I wish you would cut back of numbers of homes build there, make the housing area a lot more open and spaces.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11 you will have the opportunity to approve the Sacramento Railyards project. The Railyards project represents a HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY for the Sacramento region to turn the 240 acres in the core of the region into a vibrant new regional center alive with housing, shops, sidewalk cafes, theaters, art galleries, museums and parks.

According to a recent City of Sacramento study the Railyards project will also create more than 18,000 permanent jobs and add more than \$2.7 billion dollars annually to the City of Sacramento's economy. It will also have a substantial impact to the region and will account for more than \$33 billion in economic benefit over the next 20 years.

I respectfully request your support for the Sacramento Railyards project. Don't let this HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY pass the Sacramento region by.

Sincerely,

Klara

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From: <ricardoo@peoplepc.com>
To: "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/6/2007 5:03 PM
Subject: Rail Yards

Dear Mayor Fargo,

Do not spend any of my Sacramento City tax dollars on developing the Rail Road Yard (RRY). It is bad enough the City / developer will be asking for my State tax dollars to fund the RRY. Please do not play a shell game with tax dollars to make it look like tax dollars will not be used.

The RRY is owned by a private development company. Let them use their / investor money and make their profits. The City will still get a huge windfall in property taxes in the end.

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Thank you,

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P.O. Box 160762

Sacramento, CA 95816

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From: Kathleen Green <kdgreenone@yahoo.com>
To: Heather Fargo <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>, Ray Treattheway <rtreattheway...>
Date: 12/6/2007 3:23 PM
Subject: Railyards Historic District boundary
Attachments: Railyard ltrtoCityCouncil

To be distributed. Kathleen Green

December 6, 2007

Mayor Fargo and City Council Members
New City Hall
915 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95818

Honorable Mayor Fargo and City Council Members:

I urge you to adopt the proposed National Register boundaries into the Development Agreement that would allow for amending the Sacramento Historic Register boundaries.

Without some interpretation of the 'trace' of the original Transcontinental Rail Line, Sacramento will loose a vital part of its history in this nation's railroad development!

Once the infrastructure goes in and 5th and 6th Street are completed, the original transcontinental line will be lost forever if it is not interpreted in some way (embedding tracks where it ran-simple). Therefore it needs to be included within the Cities Historic District boundaries.

Also, the Preservation Commission was given incomplete information of the criteria for nominating National Register Districts. The entire regulation, Bulletin #21, pages 2 & 3, was not quoted at the Commission hearing, misleading the Commission members. The complete Bulletin #21 was read into the record at the Dec. 5th Council meeting!

One other problem is the street name, of what will be the main street in this development to one that relates to railroad history, instead of "Camille Lane."

I do commend Thomas Enterprises for making the many changes it has and for the many public meetings they have held.

Yours in Preservation,

Kathleen Green

Sent via e-mail

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From: "Roger Hepkema" <rogerh@cet.com>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>, <rtretheway@cityofsacramento.org>, <sshee...>
Date: 12/5/2007 9:44 PM
Subject: Sacramento Shops

Mayor and City Council

City of Sacramento:

E-gads-look at what has happened-I have reached that age when I find myself reminiscing. This is from a former resident-a person who was brought to the area as a know-nothing first grader in 1961 by my Apollo-program, Aerojet-employee-father to be raised in the suburbs northeast of downtown. My entire education was obtained within the County, and I remained until my own employer moved me on in 1984. I remember when Sacramento was a place that the freeways would drop you off onto the letter-and-number streets to navigate across before leaving out the other side of town. It was a town with an equal or greater history than San Francisco or Los Angeles-the cities that California was famous for having. Sacramento was the capitol, but the place where most people said, "Where is that?" I'm old enough to remember when "Old town" was where you didn't want to go-EVER. I remember when there was NO reason to come downtown-until Macy's made a small "island" of a destination in that part of town. From there came the revitalization of the K Street Mall and Old Town. Back in that era, the schools taught History-and did it well. The area was well-known for having a "transient population" because of the many short-time residents who came and went during careers with the Army and Air Force-not to mention the many others of us who's parents' paychecks came from Federally-funded companies. We all learned the rich history of the area, from Sutter's Fort to the goldfields to the Transcontinental Railroad. There was not a kid in the County who didn't have it instilled in them. Sacramento became the logical place (probably the most logical place in the Country) to locate the railroad museum with the vision that it had when it opened in 1981. The collection that it holds-it can't even hold. Little remains of the "original" Sacramento railroad history following all of the mergers throughout the industry. The Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific are gone, although their original routes through the City remain. The historic shops at the center of the old yard in the northwest corner of the City remain-in original, historical condition. Even the museum building itself can't claim that. I was glad to hear that, when the Union Pacific came in and sold off the old rail yard, at least the promise was made to keep the old shop complex intact for use in connection with the museum. I now learn that the developer wants to renege on that plan and "morph" the buildings into some trendy use that makes no historical sense.

As a City with such a strong history-one that it's schools used to put on as high a pedestal as they could to their students-please find it in your vision for the future to remember the past. Please keep the shop buildings in the plans for an historical use. The collection that the Sacramento museum holds is in dire need of a place to safely store and display what it has. In the past 10-15 years already, much has been lost to vandalism and the elements while some irreplaceable pieces of history have sat where they can't be appreciated. Please take the lead in "finishing" the process of making the State Railroad Museum the finest in the Country.

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Roger Hepkema

Spokane, WA

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Roger Hepkema

Spokane, WA

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From: "Marianne Foldessy" <marianne.foldessy@nolte.com>
To: "Heather Fargo" <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/5/2007 9:59 AM
Subject: SUPPORT THE SACRAMENTO RAILYARDS PROJECT

Marianne Foldessy
259 Battlecreek Circle
Sacramento, CA 95835-1760

December 5, 2007

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

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I respectfully request your support for the Sacramento Railyards project.

I live in Natomas, and I would love to have a place like the Railyards project to go to for shopping, eating, theatre, movies, arts, coffee. Not only that, it would greatly improve the downtown area. It desperately needs it. Other than that, all we need is accessable/easy public transportation so we don't have to drive! Like a monorail. Maybe less housing in that area would be good too. The traffic is terrible anymore.

I respectfully request your support for the Sacramento Railyards project. Don't let this HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY pass the Sacramento region by.

Sincerely,

Marianne Foldessy

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From: "kenneth faller" <511liberty@sbcglobal.net>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/7/2007 1:08 PM
Subject: re: railroad museum

Mayor:

I have visited Sacramento several times during my Calif. visits solely for the purpose to go through your fine railroad museum. Historical structures once modified for "entertainment centers" are no longer historical. Keep the railroad museum a railroad museum, don't foolishly toss away your history and the reason people like me visit Sacramento. Ken Faller, Morris Illinois

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From: <kschuit@bellsouth.net>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>, <rtretheway@cityofsacramento.org>, <sshee...>
Date: 12/7/2007 12:08 PM
Subject: California State Railroad Museum

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

It has come to my attention that some portion(s) of the shops and structure of the CA State Railroad Museum is being considered for development into an environment for "commercial" use.

I have visited the museum on trips to California; most recently taking the Amtrak from Emeryville to Sacramento in September, 2007. The history of the museum, town, and surrounding area should be preserved for current as well as future generations. As a visitor from south Florida, I urge you to put a halt to commercial development of the museum and instead find ways to even better maintain, preserve, and restore the museum and surrounding building complex to its original glory.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Keith Schuit
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From: Douglas Peterson <rayjct75@earthlink.net>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/7/2007 10:51 AM
Subject: SP Shops Building

Dear Mayor Fargo,

The Southern Pacific Shops building currently in question (main erecting building ca: 1863) was one of the original parts to the FIRST industrial plant west of the Mississippi River and is of enormous historical significance. It would be the final piece of the puzzle to make the California State Railroad Museum the best on the planet, and it would be a crime to let this opportunity slip away as just another commercial outlet.

You have the ability to really put the final touch on an already top-notch institution, and I hope you do it.
Please don't let this rare opportunity slip away.

Thank you.
Sincerely, Doug Peterson ...

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From: <Bobbackpac@aol.com>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/7/2007 8:07 AM
Subject: California State Railroad Museum

Dear Mayor Fargo: You have a most attractive facility to visit and I have been a supporter for years and have been impressed with the future plans to expand the facility into the old Southern Pacific shops. But am dismayed that such plans would be partially eliminated in the name of consumerism to provide a mall that is not in keeping with the whole area. I am impressed with your mall that connects the capitol area with the waterfront area and hope you leave it that way! Please do not alter the plans to limit the museum.

Yours truly,
Robert C. Madsen, Pleasanton, CA 94588

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From: "deck-wo" <deck-wo@wmsteamship.com>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/7/2007 2:19 AM
Subject: California State Railroad Museum

Dear Mayor Fargo, I wish to express my support for the CSRM's plans for the old shops, and I urge you to oppose the developer's plans. The Museum is a great asset to Sacramento, and is becoming known as probably the finest museum of its type in the country. Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely, John Mallard

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From: Bob Gross <regross@clearwire.net>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/6/2007 8:02 PM
Subject: Railroad Shops

Dear Mayor Fargo,
If it was truly the agreement between the developer and the CSRM to give the two buildings in question (boiler shop and erection bldg) to the museum, then please step in and be sure that those buildings indeed go to the museum.

This is a very important issue.

Thank you for your help,
R.E. Gross, Member of CSRM and Railfan
Regross@clearwire.net

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From: Cory Swank <liven_letdie@yahoo.com>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/6/2007 12:18 PM
Subject: Plee

Cory Swank 1100 Pedras Rd Apt G216 Turlock, CA 95382

December 6, 2007

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing you today regarding the current state of the California State Railroad Museum and the pending establishment of the Railroad Technology Center. I implore you to make a decision that favors a complete dedication of resources, including the boiler shop and erecting facility in the forthcoming development. I see Sacramento as the home of railroad history for the state and you have the opportunity to secure it as such for all time. If either of these buildings are sacrificed it will be a huge loss for not only ourselves but for generations to come. I look forward to a day that I can take my family to the renovated buildings and look back on the effort you and your staffs made to keep a relic alive. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Cory Swank

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From: "Acosta, Alfred" <aacosta@Sidley.com>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/6/2007 10:57 AM
Subject: The California State Railroad Museum...

Dear Mayor and Council members:

Years ago when the Railroad Museum opened, Mom and I were there opening day. We made the trek up from the San Gabriel Valley. We were not disappointed in what we saw. I've been back twice since, with friends and on my own. What we're seeing is the history of what brought the Iron Horse to California, of what opened us up to the country at large when the Transcontinental Railroad was completed back in 1859. Many people fail to realize how very important the railroads were and are to the development of this country. The last thing we need is for another developer with his grand plans of an amusement center; games, and more games. To what end? Our young people, especially, need to understand how and why railroads do their work, and the places that contributed to that end are very much just as important. We're asking you to vote to keep and help restore what is a great Museum.

Thank you.

Very truly,
Al Acosta
San Gabriel, California

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To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
CC: <ssheedy@cityofsacramento.org>, <scohn@cityofsacramento.org>, <rkfong@ci...>
Date: 12/6/2007 9:39 AM
Subject: CSR

Please keep our CSR intact. This museum is second to none in our country for railroading. It is world renown. It would be a shame to let a developer take any part of it.
Please find a way to save the buildings for CSR.

Philip M. Sheridan
Novato CA
415- 899-9400

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From: Mark Duncan <mark@askmar.com>
To: Heather Fargo <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
CC: Ray Tretheway <rtretheway@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/5/2007 9:47 PM
Subject: CSRМ Acquisition of former Southern Pacific Sacramento Shops

Dear Mayor Heather Fargo

I live in Menlo Park, CA. While I do not often visit Sacramento, when I do, I always visit the California State Railroad Museum, being a train enthusiast.

The last time I visited, I had the unique opportunity to tour the former Southern Pacific Sacramento Shops where the museum is currently making use of two of the buildings: the boiler and erecting shop.

These buildings provide much needed and unique space for the museum, both for the restoration and preservation of its collection, as well as protection from the elements and vandals.

Quite frankly, the amount of contamination that remains in these buildings (you can feel it in your skin and lungs) makes it particularly unsuitable for the children attending a Nickelodeon entertainment venue; whereas it is perfectly consistent with what you would expect in recreating the atmosphere of a historic locomotive maintenance facility.

Sincerely,

mark duncan
menlo park, CA
(650) 321-5211



From: "Jim & Sue Lekas" <gyros2@verizon.net>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/5/2007 9:47 PM
Subject: CSR

Gentlemen,

Please don't give away the historic Southern Pacific Shop Buildings. These are National Treasures and they can be used for a museum and for repairing and restoring historic equipment. Once they are given away, they will never be given back and they will lose some of their historical significance.

My spouse and I are former residents of Lodi and we have been to Old Sacramento numerous times and appreciate all of the efforts of the volunteers who work in the museum. When we visit the area, we make it a point to visit Old Sacramento. Saving the old buildings will give visitors like us a chance to see the buildings as well as what is inside or being worked on when we are there.

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Sincerely,
James Lekas
1433 NE Kristin Court
McMinnville, Oregon 97128-2345

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From: dick ruppert <d_ruppert@yahoo.com>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/5/2007 8:22 PM
Subject: California State Railroad Museum

Dear Mayor Fargo,

I am distressed to learn the possibility that a developer may destroy or convert historic railroad shop buildings. I understand that these buildings were promised to the the California State Railroad Museum.

I believe the Museum intended to use one of the buildings for a museum of technology to educate us about the many workman trades that are and have been involved in railroad history and construction. The other building, I think was planned for use for maintenance, repair and restoration of historic railway equipment.

What better place for these Museum programs than in historic railway buildings near the world class California State Railroad Museum? It would be a shame if these buildings are diverted from preservation of history to accommodate some developers desire for profit.

I am sure you know how many people come from all over the world to visit the California State Railroad Museum.

Please relay my message to you to the members of the city governing board.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,
Ricahrd W. Ruppert
La Jolla, California

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858-459-2573
fax: call to arrange

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From: "swo" <swo@telusplanet.net>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/5/2007 7:11 PM
Subject: California Railroad Museum and former Southern Pacific shops

It is with great regret that I read that the City of Sacramento is considering allowing the 2 designated buildings to perhaps fall into the hands of the developer. Heritage lost will never be regained. It is a proven fact that tourism is generated by well run museums. Please ensure these buildings go to the California Satae Railroad Museum

Yours truly,

Tom Newton

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To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/5/2007 6:58 PM
Subject: RR

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Date: 12/5/2007 5:02 PM
Subject: Southern Pacific Shops

Dear Ms. Mayor and Council Members:

Please don't allow developers to ruin the boiler shop and erecting shop at the Southern Pacific repair shops in Sacramento. These were supposed to be turned over to the California State Railroad Museum by the terms of the original sale of the property by Union Pacific. The CSRM is using these buildings and has plans for their restoration and use as exhibit space and working area. The CSRM is one of the best, if not the best, railroad museum in the country and their occupancy is the perfect use for these historic structures. A developer has plans to renege on the original agreement and turn the erecting shop into an utterly inappropriate amusement complex. We had a travesty in San Diego recently when a portion of the historic station complex was destroyed to make room for an inappropriate and unrelated art museum. Please don't let the same thing happen in Sacramento where there is a chance to preserve these historic buildings in their original use as part of an excellent museum.

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Date: 12/5/2007 4:18 PM
Subject: Railyard Builldings

As a long standing railfan from the Lodi area, I am hopeful that you can see a way to save the SP shops as historical railroad structures. Allowing the CSRM to control those buildings will go a long way in preserving the railroad heritage that Sacramento has held for so many years. I can only imagine that having a significant and major railroad attraction in Sacramento would great for the economy of your city since visitors from other areas will spend their tourist dollars.

Hope your wisdom shines through and the buildings stay in tact...

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From: <Fizzboy7@aol.com>
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Date: 12/5/2007 1:48 PM
Subject: CSR

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Thank you!
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I am a native San Franciscan but now live in Seattle (for reasons obvious to most Californians). One of the few places in California that I will visit more than once is the California Railroad Museum. I may be back, with family, several more times over the next few years. A deciding factor will be whether the Museum is allowed to grow. Please do not let the opportunity to save and restore the historic Southern Pacific shops slip by. In cities everywhere it is plain to see the benefits of the restoration and maintenance of historic facilities. Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco have benefited from such restoration. Don't pass on this chance to save an icon of past culture and industry.

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Date: 12/5/2007 11:57 AM
Subject: Fwd: Saving Sacramento's railroad heritage

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>To The Mayor and Council members, City of Sacramento:

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>It has come to the attention of supporters of the California State
>Railroad Museum down here in San Diego that the 1869 vintage boiler
>shop and locomotive erection shop, now occupied by the Museum, are
>in danger of being lost to a developer who wants to turn the ancient
>structures into a commercial amusement uses. He intends to pave over
>the tracks and pits and oust the many historic locomotives that CSRM
>has stored there. This is an outrage and affront to history! These
>buildings have been in constant use as railroad repair facilities
>for 138 years. The fact that they are adjacent to the best railroad
>museum in the United States makes them perfect for continued use in
>that regard and should insure their survival as national treasures.
>Few facilities from the first transcontinental railroad still exist.
>Sacramento was the hub and railroad gateway to the West. Sacramento
>now needs to lead the charge to save our fragile railroad heritage
>from short sighted developers who have already destroyed so much of
>our historic structures.

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>I toured the shops at last years Association of Railroad Museum's
>national convention, hosted by CSRM, and was amazed at what they
>have done to the place. They have replaced the long lost transfer
>table that allows locomotives to be moved around the shops between
>the buildings. It's the only such transfer table in the hands of any
>railroad museum anywhere. Restoration of rail vintage cars and
>locomotives is in full swing as the original function of these
>buildings is ongoing. Losing this historic complex now to a
>developers pitiful scheme will be a sad stain on Sacramento's
>government entities for the rest of time. You must find a way for
>CSRM to gain full control of the facilities to save our railroad heritage!

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>Larry Rose, AIA

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From: Robert Williams <yarddogh@yahoo.com>
To: <hfargo@cityofsacramento.org>
Date: 12/5/2007 11:25 AM
Subject: Re: The former Southern Pacific Shops area:

I am outraged by any thought of the heritage of the Southern Pacific being decimated so a turncoat developer can put an extra buck in his pocket ! I love trains . . and the history and heritage of California. If you don't think there are lots of other people out here just like me . . you're about to find out ! When I visit Sacramento, it's for one primary reason . . to ride trains, watch trains, or spend an ample amount of time (and money) in and around The California State Railroad Museum. People throughout this country have had the opportunity to discover what a fine Museum it is, worthy of 'multiple' visits. The docents are a treasure to talk with . . hearing the stories of their days on the railroad. - As I understand the 'initial' development agreement . . The CSRM was to gain control of both the old SP boiler shop 'and' erecting shop. Well, it's YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to not sell out now, and think of the history and heritage of BOTH those structures, preserving them INTACT for use by the CSRM, Railfans and train lovers everywhere !

I Thank You

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From: Dan Carrion <danca@csufresno.edu>
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Date: 12/5/2007 9:54 AM
Subject: SP Shops near Old Sacramento

Mayor Fargo,

I would like to take a moment of your time to discuss with you historic former Southern Pacific Shops complex located near Old Sacramento.

As you are aware I'm sure, these shops are now engulfed in a battle between the City of Sacramento, The State of California, The California State railroad Museum, and Thomas Enterprizes. These shops are of historic significance, not only on a local or state level, but on a national level. Union Pacific understood this fact when the property was sold to Thomas Enterprizes, with the understanding that the CSRМ would be given the shop buildings to preserve as part of the museum. Thomas has now reneged on that agreement and has planned an "entertainment venue" for the Erecting Shop. This plan must be stopped! To change or alter the shops would forever ruin their historic value. These buildings should be maintained as a part of the museum, not part of some moneymaking scheme that could easily backfire and close in a few years , as happening in Florida with another similiar "attraction".

I urge you to use all your influence to see to it that the shops are properly preserved for the future, and become part of the world class museum that the CSRМ continues to be. It is only fitting and proper that such a historic structure, so close to the current museum complex, be saved and maintained as a railroad structure for future generations to enjoy. Too much of our history has been lost. Too many of the connections to the common working man have been swept away in the name of progress or growth. Please help save these structures.

Sincerely,

Dan Carrion
Professor,
CSU, Fresno.

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From: Shannon Smith <shanandrob@yahoo.com>
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Date: 12/5/2007 8:59 AM
Subject: Southern Pacific Sacramento Shops

To whom it may concern.

I am a member of the CSRM living in central California. I became a paying member of the museum this year because of the impending move of CSRM to the shop buildings. I have supported the CSRM for many years as a volunteer and with this addition I felt a cash donation might help the CSRM with the expenses they will have during this period.

These building have more history than any of us will ever know. If the walls could talk I am sure we would hear many wonderful stories. The historical community has already lost the Western Pacific shops to developers, WHY should we lose these building to the same fate. The installation of a kids play land or anything else other than a museum building is crazy.

Please error on the side of common sense and make the developer live up to the promise made to the Union Pacific. As the CSRM grows all the space it can get will be needed to help this museum become a world class experience for adults as well as children.

Thank you for your time,

Mr. Shannon S Smith

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