Motion for Agenda setting committee to consider for July stakeholder meeting:

Whereas Central San Pedro has benefited from a courthouse operated by the County of Los Angeles for over 100 years, and

Whereas Our City Councilmember has requested that the County of Los Angeles investigate the feasibility of our Courthouse on 6th Street and Center Street remaining in operation, and

Whereas we, (The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council), now understand that the County Judicial system is in an improved financial position from the time when the decision was made to close our courthouse, and

Whereas this courthouse is not only a vital source for timely and accessible justice for our citizens, but also provides local jobs, and the resulting economic benefits and tax revenues, -

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council asks our board of County Supervisors to find a way to ensure that this courthouse remains in operation.

In the event that closure of this public facility is unavoidable, then our Neighborhood Council requests that:

a) plans are made immediately for an alternative use for this site, and that

b) any change of use will contain the guarantee that the same or a greater number of public parking spaces as are currently available on this site will be available for public parking after the change of use is effected.
September 10, 2013

Supervisor Don Knabe
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
B-4 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Knabe:

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) is very concerned that the closing of the San Pedro Courthouse will not only deny local citizens of timely and accessible justice, but also have a negative impact on the struggling redevelopment of downtown San Pedro. The loss of jobs and the uncertain future of the property are of great concern. Just the potential closing of the parking lot in this crowded area would have a very negative impact.

We understand that the County Judicial System is in an improved financial situation since the decision was made to close this courthouse and we hope you can work with the Supervisors to keep it open.

In the event that closure of this public facility is unavoidable, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that any future development meet these criteria:

- That there will be at least the same or greater number of parking spots;
- That the property be maintained and not allowed to become an eyesore;
- That any redevelopment plans have community input before final decisions. The CSPNC offers to assist in an effort to reach out to stakeholders.

We appreciate what you have done in the past to assist many organizations in this town, and hope we can count on your continuing support for our community and the future of this facility and the significant corner on which it stands.

Sincerely,

Linda Alexander, President
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