



January 9, 2013

Mr. Joe Alcantar, Chair
City Plan and Zoning Commission

Dear Chair Alcantar:

We were concerned to see that after a lengthy, thorough, and thoughtful discussion and subsequent vote regarding Trinity East's requests for specific use permits, the City Plan Commission is now scheduled to reconsider the near-unanimous vote.

The City Plan Commission has spent a great deal of time deliberating on this issue following briefings from city staff, executive sessions from city attorneys, and presentations from both the applicant and the public. Given that the vote was 11 to 1 to deny the permits, the reasons for reconsideration must be clearly articulated to the public.

If the ostensible reason for reconsidering the vote is that two sitting commissioners were absent from the last meeting, then we would note that three commissioners may be absent from tomorrow's meeting. It follows that any revote on this matter should be deferred until all commissioners can be present.

Alternatively, if the reason for reconsideration is that additional information on this matter has come to light, then the public must be given an opportunity to comment. This is particularly true if industry or applicant representatives have met with any Commissioners since the last meeting, if any industry or applicant representatives speak at tomorrow's meeting, if city staff provides any information or responds to questions from the Commission, or if the Commission meets in executive session with city attorneys. If the public is not allowed the opportunity to speak because the item was not noticed as a public hearing, then this is reason enough to defer this matter until a public hearing can be called.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

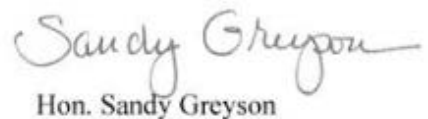
Very Truly Yours,



Hon. Angela Hunt



Hon. Scott Griggs



Hon. Sandy Greyson

c: The Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
City Plan Commissioners