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FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



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Contents of Supplement: Correspondence from Edward M. Kashian of Lance-Kashian & Co.

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Actions pertaining to the Fulton Mall Reconstruction Project – Bid File Number 3365

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December 2, 2015

Honorable Mayor Swearengin
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721-3600

RE: Redevelopment of the Fulton Mall

Dear Mayor Swearengin,

I write to you as a long-time property owner and investor of Fresno's Fulton Mall. Since the news of the TIGER grant was announced I was again very hopeful that Fresno would attempt to revitalize this wonderful asset in the heart of our Community. Given this funding opportunity I want to share several points as you move forward.

First, I have both agreed and disagreed with the City on varying issues. One of them is that I believe we do not do enough to bring State and Federal funding back to our great City. We are often a donor City to the State and Federal treasuries. However, in this effort we have obtained \$18,000,000 dollars of Federal and State funds that otherwise may have gone to other Urban areas that do not have nearly the need we do. We did the right thing and I commend you for this effort and encourage you to finish.

Second, it is critical that we stay on budget. By doing this we will add to our performance record and be more competitive for others in the future. I raise this issue because I have read recently that the bids for the project came in higher than the funding available. I have been in this position many times in my career. In the private sector I have worked with many General Contractors to award the winner while concurrently formally agreeing that costs will be reduced to fall within budget prior to work beginning. Toward that end, I encourage you to continue to move forward with the project, subject to cost reductions, to meet your budget.

In closing, I want to add that the next step for the Central City is to convert all the one way streets to two-way streets. In my experience in dealing with the Retailers, and other users, this will enhance the downtown significantly. Again, congratulations to you and your staff for achieving the first critical benchmark of getting the Federal Government to infuse a significant amount of equity into the City. The second phase of the construction project is to make the project stay within the budget. I am confident this can be done and support your work to revitalize the Fulton Mall. I remain optimistic about Fresno. If I can be of any assistance in this effort, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

Edward M. Kashian
Chief Executive Officer

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