

September 17, 2015

BALBOA PARK STATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPSCAC)

Motion

Dear BPSCAC Members,

I would like to make a motion on the study performed by PODER (People Organizing to Demand Environmental & Economic Rights) to inform the site programming for Upper Yard and/or the reservoir site and RFP Development process.

The recommendation I have is for the publicly owned sites to be used for affordable housing development as first priority and to keep the existing development of the housing units in the area ongoing and not stop the process. Currently, we need to not only build more affordable housing using the PODER findings but also tenants' advocates are pushing hard to pass Eviction Protections 2.0 to preserve the existing housing stock. We cannot move forward with one and not the other.

As a committee, we should push the Mayor's Office of Housing to use the PODER findings in income levels to set the AMI for the housing developments at the reservoir site and the Upper Yard. This could be the first two housing buildings that we could actually say it is based on actual numbers that fits the income range targeting the low income residents in the neighborhood.

These numbers that were found through surveying the neighborhood is closer to a realistic income ranges in the area compared to what the City has in their records. The areas where PODER conducted the survey is at the Minnie & Lovie Ward Rec Center, Cayuga Play Ground, Balboa High School, Leadership High School, Catholic Charities, OMI Resource Center and many more. In addition, the surveyors were door knocking at individual houses around the facilities mentioned above.

Best,

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Land Use and Housing Group