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June 18, 2019

Honorable Robert Moon
Mayor, City of Palm Springs
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Subject: ITEM 2B.A. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CITY'S POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 1090 CLAIMS AGAINST PALM SPRINGS PROMENADE, LLC, INCLUSIVE OF GRIT DEVELOPMENT LLC, (SUCCESSOR TO JOHN WESSMAN/WESSMAN HOLDINGS), IN CONNECTION WITH REDEVELOPMENT OF THE DESERT FASHION PLAZA (THE DOWNTOWN PALM SPRINGS PROJECT), AND AGAINST DAKOTA PS, LLC, IN CONNECTION WITH THE DAKOTA PROJECT

Dear Mayor Moon,

The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation notes the subject negotiations with Grit Development. We believe a successful negotiation must address the rehabilitation of the Town & Country Center (1948, Paul R. Williams & A. Quincy Jones) which was designated a Class 1 Historic Site by the Palm Springs city council on April 20, 2016.

The current negotiations propose the donation of the "Boulders" and "Crescendo" properties (valued at \$14.66M and \$6M, respectively) to the city of Palm Springs. We would strongly recommend that the city negotiate for the donation of the Town & Country Center either in addition to, or in lieu of, those properties. We submit that the T&CC is a far more important property to the community at large. Additionally, the T&CC is a property whose importance has been officially recognized by the city. This course of action would place the city in the enviable position of being able to sell the T&CC to a preservation-minded developer.

We trust that the discussion of Item 2B.A. is not a "done deal" but rather only the first iteration of an informed negotiation with Grit Development that will include extensive community input.

If you require any additional information, please contact PSPF board member Ron Marshall at (760) 837-7117 or info@pspreservationfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Johns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Gary Johns
President

Copy to:
Palm Springs City Council members (Middleton, Roberts, Kors, and Holstege)