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From: Avalos, John (BOS)
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 1:40 PM
To: chrisibhanson@sbcglobal.net
Cc: Board of Supervisors, (BOS); BOS-Supervisors; Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); BOS Legislation, (BOS); Pollock, Jeremy (BOS); Hsieh, Frances (BOS); Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)
Subject: RE: File 150896 FW: Agenda item 27
Categories: 150896

Dear Ms. Hanson:

Thank you for writing and expressing your concern about process.

I have been working for various government bodies including the Association of Bay Area Governments which is the body that formally designates Priority Development Areas (PDAs). On every map that I have seen which lists the PDAs, the Geneva/Mission/San Jose corridor has always been listed. The lack of formal designation of this part of San Francisco was a complete administrative oversight as all the government bodies for years acted as if the formal designation had been made, especially with our dealings with the public. I have spoken about the PDA designation at numerous community meetings, including the District 11 Council, the Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee, and the government bodies that I sit on like the County Transportation Authority, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Association of Bay Area Governments.

The formal designation will also enable the city to apply for One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) funds which can be used for improving transportation and transit oriented housing facilities, two things District 11 sorely lacks and gets passed over for other parts of San Francisco. One Bay Area Grant funds have already been formally allocated for improvements at the Balboa Park Station, funding construction of the new East Side Connection Project as well as to finally create a fully constructed street on Mansell in John McLaren Park. I was a big proponent of these projects which will improve the convenience and experience of resident commuters who use these facilities. OBAG, the agency, allocated these funds for these projects because it believed that this part of San Francisco was a PDA.

The lack of a formal designation is really part of how the City government is not as focused on our part of town as it well should be. The resolution that I am sponsoring along with Supervisors Yee, Wiener and Campos, is to set things straight for the PDA we all thought existed.

Of course, there are many other things to fix to ensure that District 11 residents get our fair share of resources.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

John Avalos

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Thank You!

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