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10/16/2012
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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MEMORANDUM

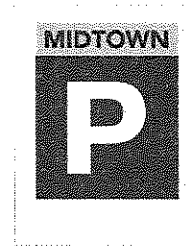
Date: October 16, 2012

To: The Law and Legislation Committee

From: Greg Sandlund, Associate Planner, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Item 4 – Zoning Code Parking Update

Please see attached correspondence relating to Law & Legislation Item 4 – Zoning Code Parking Update received after the agenda was published.



October 15th, 2012

Greg Sandlund
300 Richards Blvd, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: Parking Ordinance – Against Exemption for Union Pacific.

Dear City Council Members,

I am a Midtown business owner, employer, and property owner. We run multiple businesses within Midtown Sacramento, including Mindset Software, Inc., Bitwise Properties, Inc., and Midtown-Parking.com. Many of our customers are the back bone of midtown – those that live, work, and run businesses in midtown. We pride ourselves at being customer oriented and providing a good quality service for a fair value. For the past 15 years we have provided safe quality parking for midtown parkers.

As you may recall, I have been before the City Council before calling for updates to the parking code. We support the update of the parking code. However, we **do not support** providing Union Pacific a development exemption on their right of way. Many right of way lots are already developed, but many are not. The current exemption does not discern the difference between lots. These lots exist as narrow unsafe passages without paving, without fences, and without light. There have been assaults, robberies, rapes, and deaths within this corridor. It is blighted and dangerous, but this exemption does not address the issue.

It is currently illegal to park on dirt or unimproved surfaces in all of Sacramento. People are ticketed for this every year – it is an option on the 611 reporting website! This exemption for Union Pacific will change the law to benefit **just** Union Pacific by allowing them to unsafely park cars on dirt along the tracks, yet requiring all other business and Citizens to comply with the existing law.

Union Pacific is a billion dollar company -- 10 times the budget of the City of Sacramento! The proposed Union Pacific exemption is unfair, uncompetitive, and totally unsafe for the community. In fact, **it puts *all* of Midtown at risk**, for a small gain, if any. Exempting Union Pacific from development standards will mean dirt lots will go without lighting, without paving, without fences, without proper drainage. And, the City will have enforced an unfair advantage, at the cost of the safety of Midtown citizens. Absolutely nothing stops a car from derailing a toxic train car in Midtown on one of the current dirt lots – no fence, nothing.

I too want to see the blighted space around the tracks made beautiful. However, this exemption will do nothing to accomplish this goal. In fact, it will make it worse. Union Pacific is currently charging and parking cars directly on dirt (against City law) – no safety fences, no lights, no proper exits. We leased these very same dirt parking lots from the railroad for over a year. We were unable to develop the space as it was not cost affective not because of City rules, but by Union Pacific rules – rules that are currently being ignored. Passing this exemption will simply guarantee that the space will never be properly lighted, paved, nor drained.

We ask you to support local small businesses that provide good paying office jobs in Midtown – please reconsider the exemption for Union Pacific, and put safety first.

Thank you,

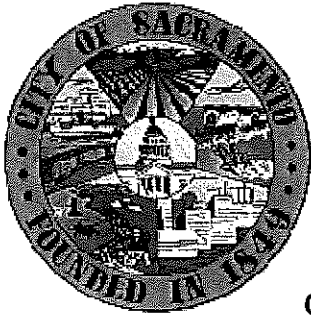
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Name: [Handwritten Name]

Address: 1330 2nd St Sacramento

Organization/Business Name: Market of Sacramento

Council District No.: 1

Not a City Resident

Phone: () _____

Email: [Handwritten Email]

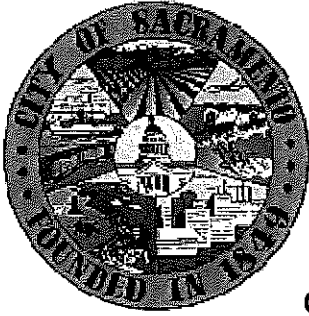
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Organization/Business Name: SAFETY RAIL Park

Council District No.: 4

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Phone: (916) 492-0100

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Name: Liisa Stark Address: 915 C St. Suite 1180

Organization/Business Name: Union Pacific Railroad

Council District No.: _____

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Phone: (____) _____

Email: LLSTARK @ up.com

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