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WASHINGTON

August 31, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.

FROM:

C. CHRISTOPHER COX(

SUBJECT:

Correspondence from Member of Ventura County Board of Supervisors Urging Location of Reagan

Presidential Library in Ventura County

As requested, the attached letter is for your signature.

WASHINGTON

August 31, 1987

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

Thank you for your letter dated August 20, 1987, addressed to the President, urging that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Ventura County.

We have referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr. Counsel to the President

Mr. James R. Dougherty Board of Supervisors, 4th District County of Ventura 3190 East Cochrain Street Simi Valley, California 93065

THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 24, 1987

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JAMES R. DOUGHERTY

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING CONSIDERATION OF VENTURA COUNTY FOR THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL

LIBRARY AND CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF VENTURA

3190 EAST COCHRAN STREET, SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 93065

August 20, 1987

Mr. Ronald Reagan The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It has come to my attention that you are considering Ventura County as the permanent home for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and the Ronald Reagan Center for Public Affairs. Allow me to extend my personal welcome to you and Mrs. Reagan, to the Trustees of the Presidential Foundation, and to your representatives. We view this opportunity as a benefit for Ventura County in many ways. We are confident that you will find our county a suitable and hospitable place to locate these significant institutions.

The site that has been offered by Blakeley Swartz is in my District. Let me assure you that we will move as promptly as legally possible, to provide all of the permits required to start construction and occupy the facilities. Our goal is to assist you in planning and executing the finest plans possible. The site with its views over the Valley, to the ocean and Channel Islands is spectacular and well chosen.

During your analysis of this site, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at any time. At the time you plan to make a public announcement, we would appreciate the chance to coordinate with you.

Sincerely,

JAMES R. DOUGHERTY

Board of Supervisors, 4th District

cc:

Mr. Gary L. Jones, Executive Director Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation

Donald E. Swartz, Partner Blakeley Swartz

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.

FROM:

C. CHRISTOPHER COX

SUBJECT:

Correspondence From Building Association Offering Member Services to Construction of Presidential

Library

As requested, the attached letter is for your signature.

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1987

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter dated July 29, 1987, addressed to the President, and its accompanying proposed resolution of your Association, offering the support and assistance of the members of the Association to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation in connection with the construction of the forthcoming Presidential Library.

We have referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr. Counsel to the President

Mr. DeVere H. Anderson President Building Industry Association of Southern California 1571 Beverly Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90026

DISPOSITION

THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 03, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DEVERE H. ANDERSON

SUBJECT: OFFERS THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION TO

THE PRESIDENT AND THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION AND ENCLOSES A

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building industry association of southern california, inc.

July 29, 1987

Ronald Reagan The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It has come to our attention that you are considering several sites in Southern California for the permanent site of both the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and the Ronald Reagan Center for Public Affairs. We welcome you back to Southern California.

Getting facilities sited, designed, approved and built (on time and under budget) is the business of every member of our Association. We would like to offer the assistance of our Association to you and to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation.

I am proposing to submit the attached Resolution to our Board of Directors, whose next meeting will be October 24, 1987. Please rest assured that, given the permits, Southern California builders and craftsmen stand ready to deliver a facility that will stand the test of time.

Please give our regards to Mrs. Reagan. We look forward to seeing you both at the groundbreaking.

Very truly yours

DeVere H. Anderson

President

Building Industry Association

of Southern California

DHA: ms

cc: Gary L. Jones, Director

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the President of the United States is considering Southern California for the site of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Center for Public Affairs.

WHEREAS, the Library and Center for Public Affairs are considered to be a repository of American history and a significant part of our American heritage.

WHEREAS, the Library and Center for Public Affairs would add to the cultural base of all of Southern California.

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Southern California would like to demonstrate their patriotism and community support for the Presidential Library and Center for Public Affairs.

WHEREAS, the President and Mrs. Reagan would like to have a groundbreaking prior to leaving office.

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Southern California would welcome President and Mrs. Reagan, the Presidential Foundation Trustees, staff and representatives to plan, build and operate the Library and Center for Public Affairs.

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that the Building Industry Association does support the concept and will work diligently to help in making it a reality and hereby commits its resources and influence to making it possible for a groundbreaking by July 4, 1988 on a site in Southern California.

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WASHINGTON

July 29, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.

FROM:

C. CHRISTOPHER COX (

SUBJECT:

Correspondence from the General Public Urging that

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be Located in

Ventura County, California

The three attached letters for your signature are identical to similar letters recently received on this subject.

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1987

Dear Mr. Mackel:

Thank you for your letter dated July 16, 1987, addressed to the President, urging that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Ventura County, California.

We have referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr. Counsel to the President

Mr. Thomas S. Mackel The Mackel Company 12716 Riverside Drive North Hollywood, California 91607-3329

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THE MACKEL COMPANY

12716 RIVERSIDE DRIVE . NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91607-3329 . (818) 509-9550

July 16, 1987

President Ronald Reagan Ronald Reagan White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am in hopes that you and The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation will seriously consider Ventura County as the place to locate The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and The Ronald Reagan Center for Public Affairs.

I have been very active in the Ventura County for the past ten years and find it is a very exciting and enjoyable place to be. The site offered in the Terra Rejada Valley with its many amenities is a site you must see. I have worked with all the Governmental Agencies in the County and feel that you would find them to be very cooperative.

In closing, the strength of Ventura County is a strong community blessed with good people.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Mackel

TSM:sb

cc: Gary L. Jones

Executive Director

Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1987

Dear Mr. Howard and Ms. Bender:

Thank you for your joint letter dated July 15, 1987, addressed to the President, urging that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Ventura County, California.

We have referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr. Counsel to the President

Mr. Howard W. Voight
President
Ms. Nancy Bender
Executive Director
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
250 Easy Street, #1
Simi Valley, California 93065

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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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SIMI VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

July 15, 1987

President Ronald Reagan 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20005

OFFICERS Dear President Reagan:

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DIRECTORS

We understand that the Presidential Library and Center for Public Policy is coming to Southern California. We in Ventura County are eager to assist you in any way we can.

On behalf of the citizens of our community we whole-heartedly welcome this repository for American History and our heritage. We would be pleased to extend ourselves to meet with you or your appointed representative to make the siting and approval process smooth, speedy and direct.

The location of the repository in Ventura County would be a great honor and of tremendous benefit to all of our citizens.

Nancy Bender

Executive Director

Sincerely yours,

SIMI VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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cc: Gary Jones, Executive Director Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1987

Dear Ms. Howard:

Thank you for your letter dated July 19, 1987, addressed to the President and Mrs. Reagan, urging that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Ventura County, California.

We have referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr. Counsel to the President

Ms. Vicky Howard Council Member City of Simi Valley 2929 Tapo Canyon Road Simi Valley, California 93063

THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 22, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE VICKY HOWARD

SUBJECT: URGES CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL TO

LOCATE THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

IN VENTURA COUNTY

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CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 93063 (805) 583-6701

MICKY HOWARD COUNCIL MEMBER

July 19, 1987

The President of the United States and Mrs. Reagan: The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan:

A proposal to locate the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Public Policy Center in Ventura County has recently come to my attention and I would urge your consideration.

Our area is extremely well situated, approximately half way between your former home in the Palisades and the ranch in Santa Barbara. The mild climate, clean air, excellent freeway access and location within one hour of LAX are added benefits.

The Twenty First District now so well represented by our former Mayor, Elton Gallegly, has a long history of strong support for you, Mr. President. The Presidential Library and Public Policy Center would receive a warm welcome here. We would be most honored by your consideration.

Most respectfully yours,

Tarry Yken and

Vicky Howard

WASHINGTON

July 24, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.

FROM:

C. CHRISTOPHER COX

SUBJECT:

Additional Correspondence from the General Public

Suggesting Sites for the Ronald Reagan

Presidential Library

As requested, the attached two letters, identical to your responses to several similar letters recently received on this subject, are for your signature.

WASHINGTON

July 24, 1987

Dear Mr. Hearon:

Your letter dated July 17, 1987, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in the Tierra Rejada Valley in Eastern Ventura County, California, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr. Counsel to the President

Mr. W. Ray Hearon President Moorpark College 7075 Campus Road Moorpark, California 93021

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THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 20, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. W. RAY HEARON

SUBJECT: LENDS HIS SUPPORT AND URGES STRONG

CONSIDERATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY TO BUILT AT THE BLAKELY-SWARTZ SITE IN TIERRA

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Moorpark College

W. Ray Hearon President

July 17, 1987

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is my understanding that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is currently considering alternate sites for the ultimate location of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Ronald Reagan Center for Public Affairs. I am pleased to lend my support and urge strong consideration for the Blakely-Swartz site in the Tierra Rejada Valley in Eastern Ventura County. As you know, Ventura County is readily accessible to the larger Los Angeles Metropolitan area, and yet maintains the tranquil setting conducive to contemplation and research that would be central to the purpose of this type of facility. It is my further belief that the citizenry of this county would be strongly supportive of such a facility and would certainly cooperate in any manner which would make it a reality. I personally would like to extend the courtesy of offering the facilities of Moorpark College, located less than five miles from the proposal site, for any discussion relating to the proposal between your representatives and local officials and interested citizens.

Selection of this site would certainly be regarded as an outstanding addition to Ventura County and would be ideally suited to your own needs. If I, or the college, can be of any assistance in the deliberation, we are at your disposal.

Respectfully,

W. Ray Hearon

W. Ray Hearn-

President

cc: Mr. Gary L. Jones, Executive Director Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation 1025 Thomas Jefferson Avenue N.W. 820, Washington, D.C. 20007

WASHINGTON

July 24, 1987

Dear Ms. Erickson:

Your letter dated July 17, 1987, addressed to the President, requesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Ventura County, California, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr. Counsel to the President

Ms. Maggie Erickson Chair, Board of Supervisors County of Ventura Government Center Hall of Administration 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, California 93009

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 21, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MAGGIE ERICKSON

SUBJECT: REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF VENTURA COUNTY AS

THE SITE FOR THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL

LIBRARY

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MAGGIE ERICKSON SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT (805) 654-2276

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF VENTURA

GOVERNMENT CENTER, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION 800 SOUTH VICTORIA AVENUE, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA 93009

July 17, 1987

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President, United States of America 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors would be honored to have our County considered as the site for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. We view the Presidential Library as a depository of American history, a part of this Country's heritage, and something the citizens of Ventura County would be pleased to welcome as a demonstration of their patriotism.

Our Board would be pleased to meet with your representatives to discuss a suitable site and the scheduling desired for construction of the library. Our staff is ready to assist in any manner required to accomplish this task.

It is our understanding you would like groundbreaking to occur prior to your leaving office. This Board and the citizens of Ventura County would be honored to help prepare for such an occasion.

Your favorable consideration of Ventura County would be most gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

MAGGIE ERICKSON

Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Blakely Swartz

California Property Investors

Gary L. Jones, Executive Director Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1987

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Thank you for your recent letter, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Illinois.

We have referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

C. Christopher Cox

Senior Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. William H. Perkins, Jr.
Howlett & Perkins Associates Ltd.
188 West Randolph Street
Suite 915
Chicago, Illinois 60601

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THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 14, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. WILLIAM H. PERKINS JR.

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WILLIAM H. PERKINS, JR. GARY D. PERKINS

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It was with sincere great interest that I recently read that your Presidential papers were not going to be reposed at Palo Alto.

Several years ago I wrote to you suggesting that your Presidential papers and gubernatorial papers should be separately housed with your papers as Governor to be housed in California and your Presidential papers in Illinois.

You are a native of Illinois and I am sure that either Eureka College or even Tampico would raise the necessary funds for a Reagan library and museum.

The Middle West is truly the repository of Presidential papers - Ford in Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids, Michigan; West Branch, Iowa - Hoover; Eisenhower in Abilene, Kansas; Independence, MO - Truman and stretching the point Johnson's at Austin, Texas and Carter's in Atlanta.

I am sure because of the Roosevelt library in Hyde Park, N.Y. and Kennedy's at Boston, Mass. many people are never privileged to see them and I feel that with your papers in California many American citizens would never get to see your papers.

I respectfully request that you give serious consideration to your home state of Illinois for your papers.

It has been my privilege to have visited all eight libraries several more than once and a visitation to the existing libraries by your committee would be of invaluable assistance to them.

Sincerely,

William H. Perkins, Jr.

WHP:pm

WASHINGTON

July 22, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.

FROM:

C. CHRISTOPHER COX

SUBJECT:

Request to Locate Ronald Reagan Presidential

Library in Los Angeles, California

As requested, the attached letter is for your signature.

WASHINGTON

July 22, 1987

Dear Mr. Akimoto:

Thank you for your letter dated July 3, 1987 further urging that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in the Civic Center in Los Angeles, California.

We have, in turn, referred your letter and the accompanying proposal to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, as we did with your earlier letter of June 5, 1987. You can be assured that both of your letters will be given proper consideration, along with those received from others throughout the country, by Chairman Campbell and the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation.

Again, your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr. Counsel to the President

Mr. Sadahiko Akimoto Frying Fish 120 Japanese Village Plaza Los Angeles, California 90012

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Mr. Arthur B. Gulvahouse, Jr. Counsel to the President The White House Washington DC

Dear Sir:

The enclosed proposal is a furtherance to our earlier letter expressing our sincere interest in bringing the Reagan Presidential Library to our community.

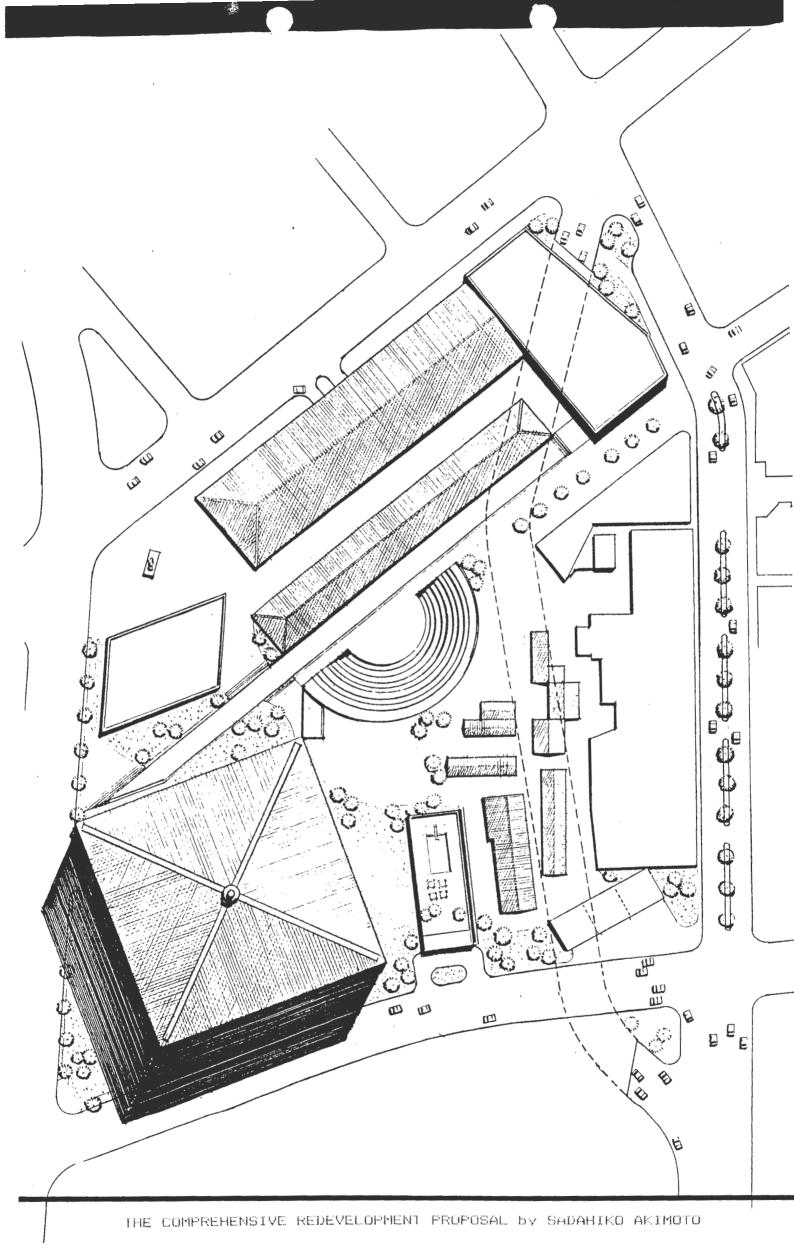
Will you kindly refer the matter to the appropriate members of the committee, including but not limited to the Hon. Mr. Campbell, the chair.

We trust that you are reasonably impressed with our proposal and will give it strong support.

Yours faithfully,

Sadahiko Akimoto

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LITTLE TOKYO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FIRST STREET NORTH PROJECT

THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL by SADAHIKO AKIMOTO

LITTLE TOKYO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

FIRST STREET NORTH PROJECT

PROPOSAL

August, 1987

I. PREFACE

Unlike other so called commercial centers within Los Angeles, Little Tokyo has been subjected to rather unusual forces throughout its history. First by the Relocation Order during WW-II, when the entire Japanese population in the area were up-lifted into camps within 72 hours notice. City government has been on its eastwardly move, first with condemnation of site for the present Parker Center Police Department and now to the "First Street North". Then, recently Little Tokyo gained its national notoriety because of "invasion" by the Homeless people when the City opened their old Printing Building as a temporary shelter.

Little Tokyo lacks cohesiveness in comparison with other ethnic based commercial centers. The area has been preyed upon by real estate speculators, particularly, in recent years to where small ethnic specialty store owners are weathering a difficult if not impossible competitive heat. Further, the area is the target of future "expansionary" economic forces by other ethnic groups in the surrounding area whereby the area may possibly lose its "Japanese" identity and become an "Asian" community, which we feel is a detriment to the long-term socioeconomic well-being of the Little Tokyo.

The Request for Proposal by the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles gives a unique, if not a once in life time, opportunity allowing one to mitigate existing uninviting economic and social forces.

Following the comprehensive proposal, Developer will set forth a schematic to satisfy various civic needs and to create new unusual residential, commercial and cultural areas within the First Street North site which will create a lasting source of civic pride and immediate wide spectrum benefits that will last for generations to come.

Further, through this proposal we have carefully delineated our utmost concern for the total dimension of environmental issues, not limited to the Little Tokyo area, and attempts were made to sensitively address and balance these needs versus the liabilities.

II. INTRODUCTION

Americans are, now more than ever, obsessed with money and nothing but money, according to the July issue of Fortune. Demand for luxury foreign cars is on increase. Another example, the average age of female buyers for expensive fur coats is getting ever younger, and college students are now selecting their major in the subject which will yield them the greatest financial rewards rather than seeking traditional esoteric academic values. Moreover, one percent of Americans own/control roughly 35% of the American wealth, today. Yet, one half of the American working population's take home pay is less than \$25,000 per annum. Many of the wealthy call their home such counties as Emeraldvile, NV, Santa Fe, NM, Soufox County, WV, and Washington County, MN, where the average annual per capita income is in excess of \$150,000, about ten times that of the Los Angeles area.

At one time, Los Angeles was a sleepy minuscule community highly influenced by the Missions set forth by the Arch-Diocese from Mexico. The situation changed drastically when the Hoover Dam was completed and an abundance of water and electrical resources were brought into the City.

All of the major defense contractors established their plants in the area. Development of necessary suppliers and infrastructures followed. And, during World War II, tens of thousands of blue collar workers were brought into the city for these defense contractors from the farmland of America. Suddenly, the stage was set for the population expansion.

One can still remember when such tract housing communities as Lakewood and Downey were first opened. Homes sold for less than \$10,000. Their sales ads blared such features as "Vets Move-in No Down," "Free Los Angeles Times Delivered For A Month," and "Free Milk Delivered To Your Doorstep Each Morning For The First Week."

Today, the Los Angeles area boasts a population of approximately 8 million, which represents about 5% of the population of America, and it is one half that of California. It is the third most populous community in the country. Area-wise, it is said to be the largest in the world. Experts project that there will be a 5% population increase per annum for decades to come.

In order to properly address the rising problems of every, conceivable nature resulting from the projected population increase, the City and County of Los Angeles as well as the Federal Government are anxious to expand their service facilities and to serve the population adequately.

The strategically located First Street North Project will provide the opportunity to accommodate such needed expansion of

public facilities and will appropriately link the Little Tokyo community with the existing Civic Center. The latter is poised to become the second largest government center in the United States.

Ethnically, Los Angeles is probably the most diverse community on the earth. The area's Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, Mainland Chinese and Taiwanese, and Philippinos, besides Mexicans, are the largest of these ethnic contingents represented outside of their home countries.

Interesting unfoldings must be recognized as these populations of ethnic groups expand and intertwine into the "American" social fabric. All except the Japanese, essentially have maintaind cohesive communal identities. To wit: China Town, Korean Town, and the large Mexican populations that can be found in East Los Angeles. On the other hand, 3rd and 4th generation Japanese Americans have been so well integrated within the American community throughout the City that only sporadically can we find a concentrated grouping of Japanese families in any given geographical area that are Sansei's and Yonsei's (primarily inherited from their parents). The few pronounced groupings are composed of recent arrivals from Japan on business. It is safe to say that the cohesiveness of the Japanese community is less pronounced than that of other ethnic groups. Sansei's and Yonsei's will often treat such a Japanese community center, as Little Tokyo, with no more interest than any other ethnic or regional shopping center. To further illustrate, they have no more respect for a community center than that of Disneyland.

At present, these other ethnic communities pulse with inherent economic forces that are ready to explode at every opportunity for expansion. For instance, recent revivals of Broadway Street between 3rd and 7th Streets; the new China Town movement toward North Broadway Street; and expansion of Korean Town to include a part of Wilshire Blvd. between Vermont and Western Avenues are but a small sampling of these expansionary forces at work.

Little Tokyo is also a target. There are sprinklings of Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese enterprises that have established their business base here. At first, other Asian ethnic groups proceeded anonymously, but lately very openly.

Suddenly, most of the merchants in Little Tokyo have found that their business base, within the "Japanese community", is much smaller than that of other competing ethnic groups with their respective communal markets. Little Tokyo merchants are no longer competitive with other similar establishments in nearby shopping malls because of high rent and overhead resulting from real estate speculation in previous years, lack of parking, which necessitates use of parking validation tickets, etc. Already, one firmly established grocery store in Little Tokyo has announced its planned departure from the area within the next 12 months. And, with the existing conditions that prevail, many

community leaders have feared an exodus of businesses from the area. This will provide just the opportunity sought by other ethnic groups for entry into Little Tokyo. Should this happen, it would result in a change in the area's complexion. That is: there will be no more "Little Tokyo" but the area will become a "Little Asia".

Furthermore, there are facts that validate these expressed fears. The newly completed Brunswig Square is still very much unleased. Yaohan/Little Tokyo Square Mall is only about 85% leased despite its three years in existence. Developers are dragging their feet on construction commencement on San Nana Go, a three story shopping mall development on East Second Street, because of the lack of adequate leasing interest. Four shops and part of the office space in the Japanese Village Plaza have been vacant for sometime now. Also, many shop spaces along the north side of First Street have been vacant for a long time.

Little Tokyo and "Little Asia" certainly offer different implications—connotations which will be significant in terms of the mix of persons who (a) invest life savings to establish a shop of one kind or another or (b) come and visit a place to meet their daily/weekly ethnic shopping requirements and/or to have some fun. To be successful, products must be economical, a visit to Little Tokyo must be a defined and a desired ethnic experience, the atmosphere must be wholesome, and above all it must be competitive with surrounding commercial centers.

It should be reemphasized just how important it is to generate a day and evening time population for the commercial development, of this size, being planned.

In order to compete effectively with other commercial developments in the area, the proposed Project must offer additional "incentives". The plan is that the Project will be authentically Japanese in character and more culturally enriched than other developments. Just imagine, expense aside, that you can go to one of the main parts of Tokyo without an 11 hour flight and jet lag, just by driving a few minutes to Little Tokyo!

Since the 1880s, Little Tokyo has been the geographic and symbolic hub of the Japanese American Community of Southern California and the United States. Being dispersed, Japanese Americans come regularly to Little Tokyo to socialize with compatriots, shop, and to fulfill their recreational needs. Also, it is a mecca for visitors. Anything short of continued and vigorous maintenance/development efforts will offer nothing but disappointment to the area's visitors and will diminish the functionality of Little Tokyo to the Japanese community. The alternative would be the eventual deterioration of the area back to the blight of the nineteen sixties.

The conclusion is, therefore, that it is absolutely a must

to preserve Little Tokyo at any cost (not withstanding any developmental guidance previously set forth by the CRA) and to prevent it from becoming a "Little Asia." The proposed First Street North project will offer the best chance to establish a definitive direction for the future of Little Tokyo.

The Proposal by CRA would inhibit the Developer from carrying out the unique development concept necessary to save Little Tokyo. For this reason, a substantial deviation from the conceptual scheme outlined in the Proposal was necessitated.

III. BACKGROUND

Relevant History:

Since the 1880's, Little Tokyo has been the social, cultural, and commercial center of a growing community of Japanese Americans. As such, many community related facilities have been established there. More obvious facilities aside, several lesser known establishments must be recognized for their purpose and reasons for being there.

- a. Southern California Japanese Gardener's Federation Building (occupational club)
- b. Kumamoto Kenjinkai Building (club of Kumamoto expatriates)
- c. Hiroshima Kenjinkai Building (club of Hiroshima expatriates)
- d. Little Tokyo Branch of Los Angeles Public Library (proposed, construction imminent)-(English literacy and Japanese history, literature, etc. as well as Japanese language materials)
- e. Other Kenjinkai activities (one without a specific building of its own)
- f. Japanese American Citizen's League (One of the most active chapter in this country)
- g. Four Buddhist temples and two Japanese Christian churches with both Japanese and English services.

At present, the existing social and cultural facilities are limited purpose facilities, attracting only the people associated with the specified organizations and having a common interest in their functions. Thus, a plan for facilities to meet the needs of other segments of the Japanese American community is outlined.

In order to attract people in mass to the area, there must be many multi-purpose facilities. It is essential to carefully conceive the means to increase the permanent area day and evening populations. In creating a population base, sufficient to support an ambitious developmental plan being envisioned by the CRA, is outlined. Moreover, also addressed are additional infrastructural issues such as pedestrian and vehicular traffic volumes/patterns, parking etc. When the Japanese Cultural Center was built, many members of the local Japanese community were

disappointed because the plan did not include a gym and athletic/physical fitness facilities, since development of physical prowess is an important tradition to the Japanese. To include gymnasiums and athletic facilities will be more appropriate within the magnitude of the proposed Project.

Also, gymnasiums and related facilities can be used during day and evening, weekdays and weekends. The presence of the facility will encourage many members of the Japanese population who reside in outlying areas to come to Little Tokyo.

Further, the facilities can be used for other activities besides sporting events, such as:

- à. training in martial arts (such as Kendo, Judo, Karate and Kempo), demonstrations, and tournaments
- b. Japanese dance practice, training, and exhibition
- c. small conventions
- d. adjunct to museum activities within the area

To succeed in the immediate objective and to maintain an everlasting cohesive Little Tokyo community, one must think beyond the proposed Project boundary. Such efforts never have been carried out in the past, which has created the present state-a hodge-podge of buildings and unmet needs of some segments of the Japanese American community.

Preservation requirement by the CRA

The CRA has set forth developmental requirements to include preservation of certain existing structures located in the Little Tokyo Historic District (LTHD). It should be noted that except for the Union Church (120 No. San Fedro), the Nishi Hongwanji Temple (355 E. First Street) and the Temporary Museum of Contemporary Art (TMOCA), all remaining structures within LTHD are privately owned. However, since there is no mention in the Proposal of rehabilitation responsibility by the Developer for these structures, it is reasonable to infer that such responsibility will be at the option of the Developer. Further, the Proposal is not clear as to the extent and manner of rehabilitation standards for the specified structures, should the Developer have decided to undertake such responsibility.

IV. DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA

Governmental facilities:

The Proposal specifies a requirement of at least a 500,000 square foot office building to be located on San Pedro Street. In addition, the Proposal requires an unspecified number of square feet of office spaces for potential future utilization by City Departments. In two decades, the City has approximately doubled its floor space demands. If this trend is to continue, the site must be able to accommodate one million square feet of office space expansion by the year 2,010.

There is no further elaboration needed to emphasize the demand for downtown prison/inmate detention facilities for the City and County. The proposed facility appears to be most suited because:

- a. The Parker Center Jail already exists within less than 150 feet from the Project site
- b. There is a Federal Prison under construction immediately north of the Project site
- c. Absolute safety and security considerations (for inmates and the public) will be given for the design of the facility. Access to and from the detention facility is limited via underground tunnel from the Parker Center facility and separate stairs and elevators segregating between the general public and prison inmates.
- d. Because of the facility's proximity to the Court systems, County Jail, and General Hospital (2 miles away), there will be a substantial cost savings that can be realized by the City and County
- e. Another benefit of this location for the Jail, is great convenience for many members of the legal and judicial communities and those involved with judicial procedural, interviews and a host of other related activities. This convenience also will contribute to the cost effectiveness in processing inmates.

Non-governmental office spaces:

A disappointing degree of leasing activity on the existing Brunswig Square, and other proposed projects such as San Nana Go, and McPhearson/Toda (facing south of the New Otani Hotel and Weller Court) within the Little Tokyo area have been observed. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that the area can not support yet another "single purpose" office space.

The ultimate cost to the land bank to meet the possible future space requirements by the City vs. to build a multipurpose office space and face a possible conversion to conventional office space suitable for the City in later years is something the Developer has studied in depth. However, the proposed development of a multi-functioned office space, a space which contains a sleeping quarter and light cooking facility, may be very much in demand.

Commercial area

In order to enhance the commercial area that is already available in Little Tokyo, tenants in the new area must be able to withstand vigorous competition. To do so, the area as well as each tenant must offer a product line that is very unique in character, Japanese sales outlet settings that can be found nowhere else, and items that are competitively priced.

In short, the successful Proposal must demonstrate that the

Developer has learned from the mistake made by the Brunswig Square project. Each leasable square foot of space must be realistically structured so that small merchants can conduct their business successfully.

Public amenities:

The existing Union Church, Nishi Hongwanji Temple, and TMOCA are very unique and important to the Japanese American community. These facilities offer multi-purpose usage possibilities. Therefore, the successful Developer should exercise a reasonable and feasible responsibility by proposing to completely rehabilitate these existing structures in pursuance to their newly set intended usages. In addition, the successful Developer should consider the need for additional public amenities such as a much needed gymnasium for athletics and health-related activities, a major library/museum of specialized national significance, and an outdoor amphitheater to accommodate oratory, recitals, and dance/drama performances, exhibitions and demonstrations.

The addition of three museums and a legitimate theater plus an intimate amphitheater will give a definite cultural distinction and a focal point to the Project. Also, these amenities can be well integrated with such other cultural centers nearby as the Japanese American Cultural Center and Chandler Pavilion/Music Center for extensive theatrical, musical and other cultural events on a day/evening basis.

Residential areas:

History has proven that unless a permanent population base (evening populations) within the development is assured, no downtown commercial development of any type is financially capable of being supported adequately. Therefore, it is most important to include as many residential units as possible in the proposed redevelopment area. The mix of units to consist of (a) studio, (b) single bed room with 1-1/2 bath and (c) two bed room with 1-3/4 bath. Except for the studio unit, each unit should contain at least one "Japanese styled" bathing facility since all residential units will likely be offered to immigrant Japanese and Japanese Americans, first.

Parking facilities:

The Proposal calls for a minimum requirement of 501 stall, sto satisfy 500,000 sq. ft. City office facilities and twice the number of stalls when 1.250,000 square feet of eventual "office" development is completed. The existing LAPD parking structure, which is fully utilized at present contains 600 stalls. In addition, there are approximately 200 stalls of surface parking available for government employees. A temporary parking structure for 270 stalls is being planned on the site of the old Municipal Printing Shop building. All combined, there are 1,070

stalls available. The existing facilities are being offered to the general public during evening and weekend off-hours at 25 cents a day or an evening.

Because the Los Angeles area is the "automobile society," an adequate parking accommodation is an absolute prerequisite to ensure success of any development. The concept of adequacy should include, but not necessarily be limited to the number of stalls, sizes, ease of egress and ingress, security, and cost to park. In addition, it should include an auto-maintenance and motor fuel dispensing facility.

The ultimate number of parking stalls deemed "adequate" for the project should encompass, in addition to the "governmental" requirement, various on-site development needs as well as others such as (a) visitors to the area and perhaps (b) commuters from outlying areas into the Civic Center area. To accommodate commuter parking on-site, the Planning Department has established within this area as a "North-Eastern terminal point" for the incoming vehicular traffic.

The ultimate parking utilization is being projected as follows:

Governmental	2,100 stalls	2,730 people
Commuters	5,500	7,150
Medium/Long term/Van-Tel	1,500	450
Day/evening short term visitors	2,500	11,250
Residential	230	100
Motel and Motel related	150	100
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Total projections	11,980 stalls	21,780 people

According to the Caltran's survey on passenger ridership, there are about 1.3 persons per commuter vehicle. The area parking lot operators report that a typical downtown parking lot will yield a turnover rate of about 4.5 a day on 1.5 persons. A turnover rate of approximately 30% on the medium/long term/Van-Tel visitors was assumed.

Based on the above projection, it is highly conceivable that the Project will be capable of generating an additional population of about 21,500 in the Little Tokyo area during certain times of the day.

This added population will generate business and thus allay the expressed fear about the exodus of important business types from the area.

Project density:

The Proposal stipulates 40% open area within the project. Also, a 10 foot set back is required along San Pedro and Temple Streets. The pedestrian circulatory paths and amphitheater are apparently included within this 40% requirement. Extensive

landscaping on as large an open space as possible should be considered, to further enrich the quality of the development.

Traffic patterns:

Traffic circulation along First Street (the State designated surface highway) has been the subject of intensive studies in recent years without any conclusive results. Street widening along First Street has been the most popular concept followed by reorientation of general traffic to Temple Street. First Street is unique in that it is one of very few East-West bi-directionally continuous streets dissecting the downtown section of the City. Thus, First Street has been regarded as one of the most important traffic arteries. Yet, too much emphasis on the traffic issue alone will add to current problems. Too wide a street and too heavy a traffic flow would dissect Little Tokyo unnecessarily. To offset this effect, pedestrian circulatory paths to and from other outlying points of Little Tokyo must be very carefully thought out and incorporated into the plan.

To further enhance the development of the proposed North-Eastern terminal point as envisioned by the Planning Department, serious consideration should be given to the development of a free mini-bus transportation system to and from the parking facilities within the project to nearby points of interest. To wit: from Union Station to Hill Street by way of Third & Alameda Streets, Third and San Pedro Street, First and San Pedro Street, Hill and First Street, Second and Hill Streets, Second and Alameda Street, and back to Union Station. The operating cost of such a public transit system should be incorporated in the development schematics.

Creation of the First Street North Redevelopment District:

A special developmental assessment district should be created among the owners of existing privately owned structures along First Street North. By so doing, existing private owners will be compelled to rehabilitate their buildings within a stipulated time period. Rehabilitation along the south-eastern front (currently the back) of structures to complement a string of new commercial shops which are being considered would enhance the area. The design and cost standards for such rehabilitation shall be set forth by the CRA to harmonize with Project plans.

Developer may be invited to rehabilitate these structures, as a separate part of the total development, at the expense of each respective owner.

V. DESIGN PROGRAM

Our Mayor has expressed his desire to create something very unique which symbolizes our city as being the gateway to the Pacific. This is a recent thrust. He was perhaps thinking in

terms of the World Trade Center Building in Manhattan or the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. But, why not Little Tokyo with its super high-rise civic building, library, shops, museum, theatre, and residences?

It has been only about 20 years since the building height restriction of a 12-story limit has been lifted. Since then, structural concepts, construction techniques and building material technologies have made tremendous strides to where cost becomes the only inhibiting factor against a super high-rise structure. In the proposed Project, the high-rise structure will be a municipal building with need overriding cost considerations.

In order to attract people to an area, there must be some incentives: economic, security, aesthetic attraction, amusement, historical importance, unusual feature, convenience— lists are dictated by one's needs and desires. The proposed Project will enhance all of these in Little Tokyo.

Based on the foregoing, along with underlying concepts we, the Developer, have set forth, the following Design Program for the project:

1. Traffic Patterns:

- A. First Street to be one-way only, for eastwardly traffic. We recognized that the traffic volume in future will increase, not decrease. In order to accommodate additional traffic volume without further environmental impact on Little Tokyo it is necessary to "psychologically" reduce the volume of the traffic now exists. Redirecting the traffic pattern, as being suggested herein is but one positive method to accomplish the objective.
- B. A traffic island to be created in the center of First Street so that a series of specimen trees as well as many "bonsai" and other sculptural objects can be displayed. In so doing, the method will further defuse "heavy traffic" and create visual comfort as well as curiosity among the passing motorists.
- C. Resurfacing of the entire length of First Street between San Pedro and Alameda in concrete with "red brick pattern". to further emphasize the area as being People's Plaza as well as for the "vehicular traffic lane".
- D. Newly resurfaced First Street between San Fedro and Central Streets to be cordoned-off to all vehicular traffic on Saturday and Sunday and to be made available to pedestrian activities similar to Venice's Boardwalk. First Street will be turned over to pedestrians for such activities as:

- exhibition and demonstration of various oriental art forms
 - calligraphers
 - paintings
 - bonsai
 - ceramics
- 2). martial arts demonstrations
- 3). magic shows performed by aspirants to be accepted into the Magic Castle establishment
- 4). Vending of Japanese specialty foods and objects

Note: These outdoor activities have drawn a large crowd in the past during the "Outside Sale" at Japanese Village Plaza.

- E. Construction of a new subsurface traffic lane, to enable four traffic lanes.
- F. Flexibility of the newly constructed traffic lane for westerly traffic during weekdays and bi-directional traffic on weekends.
- 2. Parking Facilities and Security Amenities:
 - A. Construction of a multi-level underground parking structure adequate to accommodate at least 12,000 stalls. A specified number of parking stalls shall be set aside as follows:
 - 1). a Valet parking accommodation
 - a minimum to long-term parking area for travelers departing from Union Station and from LAX who may be utilizing the Airport transit bus from the Project.
 - 3). a specially designated area for "Van-Tel" mini vans and campers having sleeping accommodation, so that visitor to the area with such vehicle can park and sleep in the vehicles
 - a day park area for daily commuters into the inner City, and,
 - 5). the remainder will be for the "Park & Lock" type self park stalls for short term area visitors.
 - B. Fees for the proposed parking facility shall not be more than \$1.00 per any given 24 hour period during weekdays and not more than \$0.75 per any given 12-hour period. during weekends and national holidays. A surcharge of \$0.50 to be added for major Japanese community events such as Nisei Week and "Street Scene LA", which attract more than half a million people to Little Tokyo alone. The facility is planned to be a non-profit enterprise.
 - C. A comprehensive auto-maintenance and auto fuel dispensing facility, to be accessible from the newly created sub-

surface traffic lane. Since under ground westerly traffic lane will replace existing auto maintenance facility at the Parker Center, the new facility being proposed will also accommodate regular maintenance responsibilities for the all LAPD requirements.

- D. Mini Los Angeles Fire and Police substations strategically placed contiguous to the auto maintenance and motor fuel facility.
- E. Parking areas, Auto station, and Fire/Police substations shall operate on an around-the-clock, seven-days-a-week basis.
- F. The facility is planned to be a non-profit enterprise. The operating expenses for such amenities will be included in the schematics of the project.

3. Public Amenities:

- A. Demolish existing converted warehouse structure and recreate TMOCA in underground facilities. The new facilities shall not contain less space than currently exist and the design shall be in accordance with the specifications as established by the Museum Board.
- B. The Nishi Hongwanji Temple (previously condemned by the City council) is to be converted to the Japanese National Museum. The Union Church will be converted to a legitimate theatre where the East-West Players will be in permanent residence.

Complete rehabilitation of the existing public buildings is planned pursuant to design criteria set forth by the Japanese National Museum and the East-West Players, respectively which will be the part of this project and paid for by the Developer.

- C. Construction of an underground athletic gym suitable for various indoor sports and health fitness programs. These facilities will be made available on a non-grata basis to the local Boys/Girls Clubs, community associations, and like, as well as on a membership basis to the general public.
- D. A vigorous campaign to secure the construction rights for the Reagan Presidential Library will be pursued (preliminary approaches have been positive) and, if successful, such facility will be constructed partly underground, contiguous to TMOCA, Police and Fire substations, Gym and a part of the Japanese American National Museum.

The Presidential Library facility would be leased to the Federal Government at \$1.00/year for 99 years, renewable. It would be operated and maintained by the Federal Government or its designate.

E. TMOCA and Presidential Library to have sky lights penetrating into the public plaza above.

4. Land Usage:

The surface area of the entire site will be divided into four parts, each having a distinctive character of its own:

A. Hyaku Niju no Toh (The Tower of 120)—A Government Center super high-rise to be constructed at the north-westerly corner of the site. The oriental exterior of The Tower, will fit it for its role as the symbol of the gateway to the Pacific as envisioned by our Mayor.

A super high-rise building in, and of itself, although it will be the world's tallest structure, will not offer much excitement. The entire structure will be built to look like Horyuji temple in Nara ("pagoda shape"), since the structure will be very uniquely traditional Japanese, it will add a distinctive flavor to Little Tokyo and being visible from all directions in the Los Angeles area, the building will attract definite notice.

The Horyuji temple was built in the 5th Century with a similar idea in mind - today the structure, which is a national treasure of Japan, is still very symbolically visible from all surrounding areas.

B. Asakusa District—A commercial area immediately north of the existing First Street North structures, which will be likened to the Japanese Village Plaza. At the southwest corner of the site, the first two dilapidated single story structures would be demolished and a replica of Kaminarimon (The Gate of Thunder) of the Senshoji Temple in Asakusa, Tokyo would be constructed.

All shop spaces in the Asakusa District will be small cubicles and light in structure, similar to that of Olivera Street. (The name chosen for this district is of significance to the Japanese American community. Asakusa is the oldest commercial district in Tokyo and it is often referred to as the "downtown" of Tokyo.)

C. Ueno District—A commercial/office/residential area concentrated at the north-east corner of the site. A medium sized office tower will be erected between Hyaku Niju no Toh and the cluster of shops and residential units that will be strung along Alameda to the Museum Square at the south-eastwardly corner of the Project

site.

The original Ueno, for which the proposed Ueno District is named, is the north-eastwardly gateway to Tokyo. It is one of the most famous vital commercial centers along with Ginza and Shinjuku district.

Proposed residential projects—a multi-functioned residence with integrated office spaces to house approximately 500 people.

- D. A motel to accommodate out-of-area relatives and guests of the residents who will spend time with them in Little Tokyo. The anticipated number of motel guests will be about 20% or 100 people. In short, there will be approximately 600+ people that can be generated by this aspect of the Project.
- E. Museum Square——So named because of the three museums that are to be concentrated in the area. Namely, TMOCA, the Reagan Presidential Library & Museum, and the Japanese American National Museum. A multi-functioned office high rise is to be constructed above the museum.

In addition, there will be a small amphitheater (seating capacity 70 to 100 persons) to be built at the center of the Plaza connecting between the four areas of development. Public toilets will be a part of this facility.

Expanded highlights of the various principal developments are as follows:

A. Hyaku Niju no Toh (The Tower of 120 stories--A Governmental Center

Developer proposes to construct a 120 story structure at the North-west corner of the site. This structure will be designed in "Pagoda shape," symbolizing the slogan "Los Angeles Is The Place" and is the gateway to the Pacific, as envisioned by the Mayor.

- (1) The upper 70 floors shall be for the County and City jail. It will be accessible (including emergency accesses) only via an underground tunnel connected to existing Parker Center jail facilities as per design standards provided by the state Bureau of Correction and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.
- (2) The lower 50 floors to contain 500,000 square feet shall be for City use, as specified in the Proposal, including all mechanical facilities necessary for the structure of this magnitude. The lobby for the

City functions of the tower will be at ground level only.

Hyaku Niju no Toh will be used entirely for City purposes and will be located on City property. Therefore, the Environmental Impact Study reporting requirements as well as the building air-rights ruling will not apply and if required, such requirements will be waived.

B. Non-government Office Facilities

Developer proposes to construct two office structures, one having 6 stories (Ueno Tower), located between Hyaku Niju no Toh and Ueno, and other having 16 stories (Museum Tower) at the corner of Alameda and First Streets.

(1) Ueno Tower

This is a conventional spec office building designed specifically to act as a back-up space to meet needs for future City office expansion. Due to its intended usage, this structure should be deemed as the lowest in developmental priority.

(2) Museum Tower

This is a multi-functioned office building, fashioned after the Water Tower in Chicago. Residential units will have a small sleeping, toilet and bathing, and eating quarters equipped with a kitchenette and will be coupled with an office/working area which may be converted into a living room area. The bulk of the units contained in the building will be condominiumnized and the remainder will be made available on a lease basis. A small number of units will be set aside for rental on an hourly or daily basis. The building will be accessible only through a subterranean level entry, contiguous to the museum. The first floor area will be utilized for a major shop, security brokerage or financial institution tenancy.

C. Residential Area

A string of four story structures will be erected along Alameda Street between Ueno and Museum Square. The upper three floors will be utilized for various mix/types of residential units. The first floor will contain shops which are accessible both from Alameda Street as well as from the courtyard within the Project. The proposed development mix is:

	Approx				Approx.	
%	ИO.	Unit	Size		Parking	Parking
Mix	Units	lype	Bath	Floor Area	Allocation	Counts
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10	1.5	Studio	1 bath	300 sq. ft.	1 space	15
55	85	1 Bdrm.	1-1/2 bath	550 sq. ft.	2 spaces	110
35	50	2 Bdrm.	1-3/4 bath	700 sq. ft.	3 spaces	105
	150	units		•	Stall	s 230

Except for Studio units, each unit will contain a Japanese bath (Furo) in anticipation of the high demand among Japanese immigrants and traditional Japanese Americans.

Both bath and kitchen area may be of a prefabricated unitized unit similar to the ones which are prevalent in current Japanese construction methodology.

A portion of the residential units will be set aside for low income housing, as determined by and directed by CRA.

Title to these condominiums units must remain in name of the original Japanese purchaser and heirs, in perpetuity. If sale of the unit becomes absolutely necessary, then sale price shall be the same price as at completion of the Project and first time ever the unit was offered for sale, so as to prevent any speculative activities whatsoever.

Initially, units will be offered to the Japanese community for sale, first.

As to the selling price, Developer will strive to set a per square feet rate at under \$200.00.

- D. Commercial Facilities Two commercial facilities, one being more formal than the other, will be constructed:
 - (1) Ueno Shopping Area

It will be located along Alameda Street, a ground floor of the four story Kurashiki styled architectural structures will be multi-purpose shop spaces. Store fronting Alameda Street can be sectioned off so that some stores may be opened from both Alameda Street and the interior courtyard of the Project while others may be exposed only to either the street side or courtyard.

(2) Asakusa Shopping Area

It is the Developer's intent to faithfully duplicate the temple grounds of Akasaka's Senshoji Temple in its environs. Each store space will be a modular unit, a small cubicle similar to that of the Olivera Street complex. Yet, each cubicle will contain sufficient amenities to meet various standards established by the Building Code and a host of regulatory authorities, so that the facility is capable of vending very traditional Japanese food items as well as non-food items.

As to the north side of the existing structures, the existing private owners will be given an option whereby they will have the right to rehabilitate in accordance with the expressed redevelopmental design scheme herein stated and within a predetermined timespan, as agreed upon in advance.

In order to maintain the absolutely lowest square foot rental charges possible (notwithstanding going rate in the area), so that some small marginal or financially fragile vendors can conduct their business feasibly, Developer will institute some form of restrictive covenant in the lease agreement and other appropriate means to prevent sub-leasing and other practices which are deemed detrimental to the well-being of the Project.

E. Motel with kitchenette:

A "Motel 6" type lodging facility, having at least 80-100 units, will be constructed at immediately north of the Union church/East-West Player Theater.

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- (1) Displaced existing amartment dweller will be given the first opportunity at monthly rate and duration as directed by the CRA.
- (2) The motel is capable of accommodate over night visitors to the nearby government centers and jail facilities, and Little Tokyo area.
- (3) The motel is capable of accommodating "low budget" tourists from outside of Los Angeles and from Japan.
- (4) Proposed over night stay room rate should be \$40-\$60 range or less than \$1,000 per month for a long term customer.

Developer will institute and incorporate many "novel" methods and techniques to guarantee the success of the Project and to fulfill the underlying objective: lasting preservation of Little Tokyo. These include, but are not limited to: Adaptation of modular construction methods, working around the clock, 7 days a week by the gang of workers; a strict enforcement and implementation of non-labor union personnel only policy, establishment of temporary encampment for workers within the

project site. . .a token list of methods being proposed.

- VI. ECONOMICS
 - All numbers indicated are minimum and assumed.
 - 1. Construction Cost
 - 2. Operating Finances
 - A. Proceed from Condominiums
 Based on projected selling prices:
 - (1) Residential condos.

Total sf. at 86,250 min. @ \$200/sq. ft. = \$17,250,000

(2) Museum Square Office Bldg.
Total sf. at 240,000 min. of which 190,000 sf. will be allocated for "for-sale office condos" and remaining 50,000 sf. will be under leasing program.
@ \$200/sq. ft. = \$38,000,000

Combined anticipated proceeds......\$55,250,000

- B. Proceed from leases/rentals (Based on per annum)
 - (1) Commercial spaces
 - (a) Ueno District: (stores) 10 years lease with first 5 years at \$1.50/sf. per month (not to exceed \$2.00/sf. all inclusive with other expenses such as common area, insurance, etc.) and \$2.00/sf. per month for the remainders (not to exceed \$2.50/sf. all inclusive) 45,000 sf. @ \$1.50 per month = \$810,000
 - (b) Asakusa District: (shopping arcade cubicles)
 10 years lease with first 5 years at
 \$500.00/mo. plus other charges such as common area,
 insurance, etc., and \$750.00/mo. plus other charges
 for the remainders.
 60 cubicles @ \$500 per month = \$ 360,000
 - (c) Parking facilities
 12,150 stalls @ 90% occupancy per day @ 1.5 times
 turns
 10,935 stalls x 1.5 turns x \$1 = \$ 5,904,900
 - (d) Museum Square office bldg. 50,000 sf. @ \$2.00/sf./mo. = \$ 1,200,000
 - (e) Ueno District 50,000 sf. @ \$2.00/sf./mo. = \$ 1,200,000

Total projected annual grossincome...= \$63,474,900 VII. FINANCING METHOD

New bond issue to finance:

The entire project shall be financed by the issuance of a low yield bond carrying a 20-year maturity date. The bond underwriting activities will be handled by a consortium of Japanese banks doing business in Los Angeles on non-grata basis. Also, initially an invitation to subscribe to the program will be made to the Los Angeles Municipal Employee Retirement Fund (a pension fund). The bonds will primarily be sold in Japan, and to area Japanese and Japanese Americans.

It is anticipated that the bond will carry at least an "A" rating or higher since more than half of expense will be for the parking and Hyaku Niju no Toh, both having no risk whatsoever. Developer, also, anticipates sell—out before the completion of residential units and Museum Tower condominiums.

A part of the underwriting expenses may be off-set by funds from CRA participation.

Financial management:

All collection of monies being generated by the Project, ie. parking, sale of condominiums, monthly rents, and the like to be administered by the Los Angeles Municipal Employees Fund under a management contract for a nominal fee.

Creation of an administrative body:

A new non-profit/non-grata quasi-governmental administrative body will be created by the majority bond holders and representatives from underwriting communities, merchant's association of Deno and Asakusa, theater/museum, parking and Hyaku Niju no Toh.

Upon completion of the Project, all rights, titles, and other tangible as well as non-tangible assets will be transferred to the newly created administrative body by the Developer at \$1.00. The newly created body will oversee all functions and will make necessary administrative decisions for operation of the entire Project.

VIII. SUMMARY

The Proposal for the First Street North Project provides an opportunity to revitalize and link Little Tokyo and the Civic Center in a project of mutual benefit without any further cost to the government:

- it allows changing of First Street traffic patterns by so

doing, an additional traffic volume can be accommodated without any further liability to the existing environment and prevent First Street from further dissection of Little Tokyo. Moreover, by creative use of First Street during weekend for pedestrians only, the street will become much needed "plaza" in itself allowing Little Tokyo to be people oriented;

- needed jail facilities and office spaces will be provided to the City and County which will realize an immediate convenience, economy and and other benefits;
- integrity of Little Tokyo will be maintained by increasing the area populations with consequent commercial enterprise potential by providing much needed gym facilities, museums, an amphitheater, very authentic Asakusa and Ueno mini-shopping areas, a home for very serious legitimate Japanese theater and residential spaces with "furo" bathing area;
- by housing the public facilities in a highly visible structure that is distinctively oriental, the objective of providing a symbol of Los Angeles as the gateway to the Pacific can be met;
- the project will allow construction of adequate parking stalls in keeping with established Planning Departments' "periphery parking terminal plan" which will hope to contribute inner city traffic volume;
- "consolidating" museums (including our desire to bring Reagan Library) and a theater which will force Little Tokyo to cultural prominence and establish much stronger cultural relationships with other nearby cultural centers; and.
- allows Little Tokyo to become a city within City.

Possible conflict of interest issue is looming:

The Request for Proposal (Proposal) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles (City) and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) setting forth certain objectives.

Each Development Proposal will be reviewed by the City Administrative Officer in consultation with the CRA. The recommendation wherefrom will be made to the Mayor and City Council who will make the final determination regarding the selection of a Developer.

Upon approval, the CRA. will be authorized to enter into negotiation on behalf of the City with a selected developer and the Plan.

In short, it would appear from the foregoing that CRA will

be the administrative agent and at same time adjunctive authority representing the City for any and all judicial proceedings in respect to hearings, appeals and litigations — therein lies a possible and serious conflict of interest issue on the part of CRA.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 24, 1987

Dear Mr. Akimoto:

Your letter dated June 5, 1987, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in the Civic Center in Los Angeles, California, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr. Counsel to the President

Mr. Sadahiko Akimoto Frying Fish 120 Japanese Village Plaza Los Angeles, California 90012

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)

