




COUNCILMEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ
City of San Diego
Eighth District
MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2017

TO: Mary Carlson, Asset Manager, Real Estate Assets Department

FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez 

SUBJECT: Pre-Disposition Review of City Owned Property - Old Central Library (820 E Street)

I received the public notice concerning the potential to sell the Old Central Library site, located at 820 E Street on January 25, 2017. The notice said to inform you if there was a desire to retain the property, and that otherwise, if no issues were raised within 60 days, the property would be cleared for sale.

This property should be considered as a site to provide permanent shelter to the homeless population. It is located in an area of downtown that is close to a significant population of homeless families and individuals. As the City continues to search for solutions to a growing homeless population, it is critical that assets currently available be seriously considered to serve as shelter sites that also provide supportive services. It is my desire that the City retain this property and study the feasibility of converting it into a year round homeless shelter.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.