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Subject: Report on CC meeting of 1/15/09: Chapter 10

On January 15, 2009, every city council person voted for the change in Chapter 10. The composition of the board will be revisited - only 2 of the members are current. The rest either need to be reappointed or changed. Also, CC Herrera pulled together a meeting early that morning of the smaller business people, and the City "promised" to listen to them. (Surprise - the smaller business people said it was the first time they were invited to the table.)

CC Rowe asked Rod Sanchez to address my concern about lack of public input into the process. Rod said: (1) Nothing has changed - regular billboards still go through Ch. 28; (2) The pilot digital billboard program is over. If it is brought back and extended, then City Council could consider some vehicle for public input. (AIA had asked for the Planning Commission.)

I will be asking the Planning & Dev. Services Dept. about the first point - see attachment.

This time, we tried the Written Testimony route, and it was fairly successful. Fifteen testimonies were received, and 14 were in opposition. In addition to reading the one from the AIA, she read yours Bonnie.

Well, let's gear up for 1/29/09. The City Council will be directly addressing digital billboards through the staff report. (In the other instances, digital billboards were a "side issue", so we could not have expected City Council's attention. We were there just to remind them.)

If you all would be willing to meet about this, please let me know. Otherwise, let's continue to communicate by email. I would appreciate your assistance for the 1/29/09 meeting.

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