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Dr. Anita Grier, Chairman
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OTHER PANELISTS:
Michael F. Rice, EIP Associates, Project Director
TRUSTEE GRIER: Good evening. We are here tonight to have a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Review, or better known as the DEIR.

Roll call, please.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Trustee Rizzo.
TRUSTEE RIZZO: Here.
CHANCELLOR DAY: Diana Munoz.
MS. MUNOZ: Here.
CHANCELLOR DAY: Trustee Berg.
TRUSTEE BERG: Present.
CHANCELLOR DAY: Trustee Grier.
TRUSTEE GRIER: Here.
CHANCELLOR DAY: Trustee Ramos.
TRUSTEE RAMOS: Here.
CHANCELLOR DAY: Trustee Rodis.
TRUSTEE RODIS: Here.
CHANCELLOR DAY: Trustee Marks.
TRUSTEE MARKS: Here.
CHANCELLOR DAY: Trustee Wong.
TRUSTEE WONG: Present.
TRUSTEE GRIER: Thank you. I would like to welcome all of you this evening on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the college administration. I would like to welcome you to the draft environmental impact review hearing for the Chinatown/North Beach campus of City College of San Francisco.

As a reminder, my colleagues, the board, will be observing the presentation led by Michael Rice and associates and will not be taking questions or hosting a discussion at this time. The purpose of the meeting is to allow EIP to present the substance of the DEIR to members of the community. Mr. Rice's statements will be translated for those individuals who have limited English skills and are non-English speaking at the hearing. This is to ensure that all attendees will understand the key findings and conclusions of the DEIR.

TRUSTEE GRIER: The summary of the DEIR has been translated into Chinese and will be available to those individuals who are interested in obtaining a copy. The audience will be informed that they can submit comments on the DEIR in writing before July 16, 2007, or in person tonight, to the Board of Trustees.

Please also note that we have both Chinese and Italian translation available for tonight's hearing. For those individuals seeking Italian translation, the translator is where, please?

Over there, thank you.

And please take a seat nearest that translator.
if you need Italian translations.

If you need Chinese translations, we have someone here. Okay. That will be where you would need to go in order to get Chinese translations.

Thank you for taking time out of your schedules to be here tonight. I will now turn the meeting over to Mr. Rice, but before I do, I just want to remind the speakers to make sure that you have completed a speaker's card and, once you get up to the podium, that you say your name and you spell your name for the record.

Now, Mr. Rice.

CHANCELLOR DAY: While he's getting to the podium, let me just clarify. Mr. Rice will not be making a extensive presentation this evening, because we have been doing that in a variety of other venues. He is going to basically have some introductory remarks, which will be self-explanatory, and then we're going to be opening it up to the public because, in the business of the public hearing -- and we have a large number of cards.

I will be keeping track of the time, and we have a huge number of people who want to speak, and we have to limit everybody to a maximum of three minutes, but we'd appreciate you using that, even less time than that, if you could.

So, Mr. Rice.

MR. RICE: Thank you, Dr. Day, and Board of Trustees.

I will just note that it is not the purpose of the meeting tonight to present a summary of the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR was published on May 16th, and notices of its availability and copies of the Draft EIR were sent to an extensive mailing list of agencies and members of the community.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to take public comments on the draft EIR. These comments are being recorded by a court reporter, and then, at the close of the public comments, members of the board will also have an opportunity to comment on the EIR, if they wish.

This meeting is intended to take comments on the accuracy and completeness of the Draft EIR. It is not a hearing on the merits of the project, for or against, or for a different version of the project, and we respectfully ask speakers to address their comments only to the EIR.

Thank you. Comments made at the hearing will be recorded in a transcript, and they will be responded to in writing, in a document to be brought back to the
It is not the purpose of the hearing to have questions and answers, with the public or with the Board, on the EIR. The responses will be brought back to the Board and if the Board finds that the Draft EIR, together with the comments and responses, is adequate and complete, the Board will then certify the final EIR. Only after certification will the Board consider the merits of the project or a decision on the project itself.

In addition to the public hearing tonight, the public review period continues until Monday, July 16th, and anyone can submit written comments on the Draft EIR to the district by the close of business on July 16th, 2007.

That concludes my comments, but I will respectfully mention again that we hope that people, we would like people to focus their comments on the completeness and accuracy of the EIR. Thank you very much.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you, Mr. Rice. Our first speaker is Mr. Phil Ting.

MR. TING: Thank you, Dr. Day, honorable trustees. I'm Phil Ting, assessor reporter for the City and County of San Francisco. It's a distinct honor to be here and really talk about what is really one of the most important buildings for the Chinese-American community and for the Chinatown/North Beach community, and it's something we have been waiting for for 20-something years. And I'm very happy to see that we are moving closer and closer every day to seeing this building built and become an actual reality.

In terms of the EIR that's offered, I think I just wanted to throw out some of the values that I hope that the university can stand by.

First, in that it's most paramount, is, this is an educational building, and that it continues to meet all the educational needs of the students who are currently enrolled in the Chinatown/North Beach campus, as well as including the hundreds of students who continue to wait for classes and wait to be enrolled in classes.

I think it's imperative that education and the educational services is paramount, that it comes first; that service to these students and to the future students of this institution is really the first and foremost concern of the trustees, as well as to Dr. Day.

I think secondly -- thank you.

Secondly, because we have been waiting for so
many years, I hope that the Board and City College will continue to move with haste and that there's no further delays in seeing this campus built. In fact, if you look at your own website, it says this building was supposed to have been up as of last year.

Thank you. And thirdly, that this process remain transparent. Thank you very much for coming to Chinatown, for being in Chinatown, holding this hearing not at the Phelan campus or at Gough Street, but for being here, actually in the community and taking public inputs. I very much appreciate your efforts to make this a very inclusive and transparent process.

And lastly, I would lend my own personal support to any project that City College, this Board of Trustees, Dr. Day, deems to have fully met the needs of the students of this Chinatown/North Beach campus, that deems to have fulfilled the requirements of the hundreds of students that continue to wait for classes. And whether that is the 16-story project in the EIR or whatever, that this City College deems will meet those needs, I will 100 percent support all your efforts.

So I thank you and very much applaud you for all the hard work. We very much look forward to being here in a few months and actually approving some sort of plan down the road.

So again, thank you so much for allowing me to speak, and thank you again for being in Chinatown.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you very much. Mr. Barry Chang.

So that everybody knows, when the translation is being translated, I am shutting the time clock off, so we're still holding to the three minutes.

MR. CHANG: Good evening, honorable Board, honorable President Grier, and also Dr. Day. Thank you very much for hosting this hearing in Chinatown to show that you care about the community. My name is Barry Chang, B-a-r-r-y, C-h-a-n-g. I came all the way from Cupertino. I was serving two terms on the Cupertino board, school board, one of the best elementary schools in California.

I'm coming over here to support the 16-story of the satellite building in Chinatown. I already passed a couple of them to this side. I haven't got a chance to this-side board member, I'll pass on. It was quite a few support from South Bay: Mayor of Cupertino, Chris Wang, sign it, and Mayor of Sunnyvale, Otto Lee, and also our county board of supervisors, business, and quite a few. I don't want to name all of them. I'll give you a copy. So there's a lot of strong support in South Bay, even though we're not close, in San Francisco.
Francisco, but close enough.

And then when we heard this project, we have a volunteer to get the co-sign, sign up for this one; we get like 2000 names in like two weekends. So there's strong support around the Bay Area for this project here.

China's quotation say, "If you plan for ten years, plant trees; if you plan for hundred years, education." So this campus, now it will benefit 7,000 newcomers here; it will be years and years to go, maybe years after all of us gone.

This is crucial, crucial for the development and the prosperity of Chinatown, and also for those new immigrants to San Francisco area here.

And I heard about the EIR, some people, few people object to it because a shadow passed on the Portsmouth Square. Sixteen-story, I look at the location, is about, I look at the location, is now right across, right next to the park, the square. It take about an hour in, early in the morning. And I look at Hilton building, 32 stories, which is twice higher than this one. And if they care about the shadow cast on the park, they should go back and ask the Hilton to cut it to eight stories.

Chinese has also another quotation: "You want to be a good neighbor." American also say that. If Hilton want to play bad, don't forget about they right next to Chinatown. Okay. We can do a lot of thing to them if they want to play bad. Okay. So that's one thing. I'm not threatening.

Okay. Finish in one sentence. In the business I was serving on the board, the most important is customer service.

Okay, you are doing the right thing to have this satellite campus right in Cupertino -- okay, not Cupertino, right in Chinatown. That's for the newly immigrants. That's the right thing to do. Sixteen-story will be just fine. Eight-story I don't think will make it. The cost will be too high. Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Sarah Keller.

MS. KELLER: Hi, my name is Sarah Keller, S-a-r-a-h, K-e-l-l-e-r. I'm a City College alumna, and I'm concerned about the direction this administration is taking concerning spending of these bond funds. When I went to City College a few years ago, my classes were mainly in the arts and arts extension buildings on the main campus, and my professors' offices are in Batmal Hall. The arts and arts extensions are dark, stuffy, leaky, moldy. When it rains during the winter, all the
1 water leaks in. It's horrible.
2 So I'm wondering why you guys are insisting on
3 building this huge tower when you can build something
4 cheaper, just as good, and meet the same program needs
5 for the students, which we all agree is necessary.
6 I voted for both the 2001 and 2005 bonds, and
7 I'm very disappointed at how this money is being spent.
8 Regarding the EIR, I'm a bit concerned about
9 earthquake safety in this. I noticed, in reading
10 through the EIR last night, that this 16-story campus is
11 being built on landfill. Makes me wonder in case of an
12 earthquake, how are you going to evacuate students from
13 17 stories, or 16 stories, as it were. So I just think
14 that should be studied a little bit more. And -- thank
15 you.
16 I have one more comment.
17 CHANCELLOR DAY: That's not appropriate. Please.
18 Please. You don't need to respond to that.
19 MS. KELLER: That's okay. I have one other
20 comment. Regarding, the architect was quoted in Ming
21 Tau as saying that the three-story library in the new
22 campus would be, I guess, not centralized enough. But
23 if you go to the main campus, we have a beautiful
24 Rosenberg library that you enter on the fourth floor,
25 and the stacks are on the third and the fifth, which

1 works just great.
2 So I'm not quite understanding what the problem
3 is, because you have a great library. Thank you.
4 CHANCELLOR DAY: I would please request that
5 everybody in this audience give everybody the right to
6 come here and state their point of view at the podium,
7 to get their comments on the record. To do otherwise
8 would be highly inappropriate, and we need to maintain a
9 high degree of decorum if we're going to fill our goal
10 of having a high-quality public meeting. So let's be
11 respectful, let's let people talk, and let's not have
12 any noise or booing, of making people feel they've done
13 anything inappropriate.
14 Mr. Ling Chi Wang.
15 MR. WANG: I'm Ling Chi Wang, L-i-n-g, C-h-i,
16 W-a-n-g, from University of California Berkeley.
17 I have three comments that I want to make about
18 the EIR. First, the significance of the proposed
19 project and its location, the need to address the
20 potential and future classroom needs, and lastly, the
21 importance of restoring the auditorium and other
22 education-related facilities.
23 As we all know, this is probably the most
24 important public investment in Chinatown since the
25 beginning of its history. It is also the most important
and far reaching investment in human capital. It's just as important it is the first significant outward and modern expansion of Chinatown since the steady post-war encroachment of Chinatown and Manilatown that once occupied parts of Kearny and Montgomery streets. Anyone with the slightest knowledge of history of Chinatown will know that Chinatown is the most visible manifestation or relic of institutional racism. Arbitrary and racist laws, zoning ordinances, planning codes, urban design guidelines, and social practices fenced in residents, and Chinatown's building heights were capped. In short, no expansion horizontally or vertically.

Thank God, after World War II, social progress enabled Chinese-Americans to move out of the ghetto, but the historic low-rise buildings along Montgomery and Kearny also became the immediate targets of the expansionist financial district, as the poor and elderly Chinese and Filipino-Americans by the thousands were evicted and their gloomy houses demolished to give way to the high-rises we now see on Montgomery Street and on the east side of Kearny Street, including the 30-story Hilton Hotel across the street from which this proposed location is going to be.

The protected struggle against the eviction and demolition of the International Hotel signaled the community's determination to stop this encroachment. The rebuilding of the I-Hotel after 40 years of struggle was the first concrete project to reclaim the lost territory of Chinatown/Manilatown.

The buildings of the Chinatown campus, and, hopefully, soon, the St. Mary's Chinese school on the same block, are further steps to recover, to rebuild, expand, and modernize Chinatown. It is against this broader vision of history, environment, and development we must view the proposed campus and understand the racist opposition masquerading as legitimate environmentalism and historic racism.

My other two points has to do with the potential -- because of the location of the new school, it's going to be, you are going to be drawing a lot more students than you projected in your EIR report. In addition, there are going to be City College courses that are going to be offered there, and also, as I say, the AP courses from Galileo School can also be offered. Right now, their students are traveling all the way from Ocean Avenue for that.

My last point is, no campus is complete without for edible facilities for administration, faculty, and students. The Draft EIR mentions some of these reports,
some with footage, others with reduced footage, and
still others with no footage whatsoever. And
especially, the most conspicuous absence is, of course,
the auditorium, which must be restored because the only
auditorium in Chinatown, which is located in the Hilton
Hotel, the third floor, the third-floor Chinese cultural
Center, in fact has been seized by the Hilton Hotel, and
now the community is without that.

So we see this as the opportunity to reinstate
that.

So I urge you not to let arbitrary height
limits prevent you from building this first-class,
comprehensive community college facility in Chinatown.

Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Warren Mar.

The next speaker is Mock King Wu, so if you
would make your way to the front so you can be available
to succeed Mr. Mar. Thank you.

MR. MAR: My name is Warren Mar, M-a-r, and I'm
a faculty member at City College, so obviously I'm not
neutral. But I think that one of the things I would
like to say is, I was also a student at the City
College, in the non-credit program in the cook's school
at City College in Chinatown, which no longer exists.

So if a lot of people want to talk about, "We

want the programs and we want to limit the height," it's
not going to happen. Because we haven't had a cook's
program, we haven't had a culinary program in Chinatown
for over ten years, since we lost that leased space from
which we used to rent from the Salvation Army.

I just wanted to say this one very important
thing. If we look at this EIR, you cannot have all the
programs and all the space that the college needs in our
community and try to limit the size of the building.

Another thing that already Professor Wang from
Berkeley also spoke about is the reclaiming of some
public space in Chinatown, and I think that's a very
important point. And a lot of people forget. He
mentioned the Hilton Hotel, which was formerly the
Holiday Inn. That was formerly public space, and
actually, I fought -- I was pretty young then, but I
fought against the Holiday Inn being built, because that
was public space. That was actually the first fight. I
was on barricades of the International Hotel, but that
was the second fight. The first fight was against the
Holiday Inn. That used to be the former Hall of Justice
in this city. That was public property.

Many people in the community, in Chinatown,
thought that that whole building should have been ours,
not that one floor that you call the Chinese Cultural
Center, now that the Hilton has taken it back and put a
gate, locked gate in front of the park so none of our
old people can walk across to the so-called "their"
cultural center. That whole building was supposed to be
ours. And the City gave it away to that private
property.

The I-Hotel was the second fight, and even
though the hotel was torn down, a lot of us stuck with
it, and it was rebuilt 20 years later.

So I just want to say Professor Wang is
absolutely right. It's about time Chinatown took back a
little bit of public space. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you. Next speaker is Mock
King Wu. The speaker after that is Calvin Wong, and the
speaker after that is Philip Choy. If you could be
ready to speak, we would appreciate it.

MR. WU: To all members: We definitely support
the 16-story building for the new, community City
College new site. And we will definitely fight if any
people who's not supporting it, against, 'til the end.
We like the idea of the 16-story building. It will help
us a lot.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Calvin Wong.

MR. WONG: My name is Calvin Wong, C-a-l-v-i-n,
W-o-n-g. I was a former member of the Chinese Cultural

Union of San Francisco. Our union was established in
1916 and consists of 30-some churches of over 10,000
members. Our board voted unanimously to pass a
resolution on June 19 urging and supporting the
immediate construction of City College, a 16-story in
Chinatown/North Beach district.

A letter has been sent to Chancellor Ng, and to
the president.

For the past 30 years, the people of Chinatown
has run the communities has longed for a different
college campus. Now the money lend and a 16-story plan
are available. What are we waiting for?

The public -- yet our report indicates there is
no significant impact for the neighborhood. The City
College plan is supported by over 100 organizations in
the City of San Francisco. Even three mayors of the
South Bay, and many, many organizations in the East and
South Bay, express their support for the project.

The alternative plan suggested by the Education
Coalition for Responsible Development is unacceptable.
First, there is no EIR report or architectural
appropriateness, improvements for the plan proposed by
the Education Coalition for Responsible Development.

Second, experts have criticized the plan by
saying that it has many, many thousands wounds and a
hundred holes. That means that many, many problems and
will result in more expansive shadows and more negative
environmental impacts in the surrounding neighborhoods.
Third, that the cost of two buildings would be
$2.7 billion more if they include the cost of two
separate heating and ventilation systems, more
elevators, and other infrastructure costs.
Four, the eight-story building is in violation
of a legal agreement that clearly prohibits a building
of that height.
Fifth, there has been no -- there has been a
high-rise -- there has been no concrete building
submitted in all community colleges.
Six, funding will be gone if we do not build
the building now.
For the sake of the students, for the sake of
Chinatown, please build the school now.
CHANCELLOR DAY: You have exceeded your time.
MR. WONG: I will translate myself.
CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Philip Choy, and the next
speaker is Scott Dickey, and the next speaker after that
is Neil Malloch.
Mr. Choy?
TRUSTEE RAMOS: Dr. Day, if I may ask you, how
many speaker cards do we have?

CHANCELLOR DAY: Why don't I count them while
he's speaking.
TRUSTEE RAMOS: My suggestion would be, if
you're going down that road, if you can get people lined
up here.
CHANCELLOR DAY: I'm trying.
TRUSTEE RAMOS: If they can physically stand
in line, it would help.
MR. CHOY: I'm speaking Chinese. Sorry. I am
so sorry.
Mr. Choy, he is a regular resident, and he
definitely supports the 16-story building. The
strategies support that the building is for educational
purposes, and all the friends of the Educational
Opportunity for Chinatown supports the idea.
Basically, from the three, pick one choice
newspaper. He's saying it's not equal opportunity, and
then they have waited for so many years, and time has
fly, and nothing has been -- the money, the land, it's
all invested.
That Tsing Tao newspaper, it talks basically
about the environmental issues, the specialists'
comments, and Nelson's opinions, and I support the
16-story building of the City College new campus. And I
hope that it could be in reality as soon as possible.
THANK YOU, MAYOR WONG.

CHANCELLOR DAY: The next speaker is Neil Malloch, and let me just announce the next speaker and I would like to have them line up on the sides. The next speakers are Kia Lee, Craig Fosella, Ania Nakasalla, Audrey Lohse, and Chi Sen Chen.

MR. MALLOCH: Thank you. My name is Neil Malloch, M-a-l-l-o-c-h. I'm past historian with San Francisco Beautiful, an organization founded by Friedel Klussman, who saved the cable cars, and I'm currently historian with the California Heritage Council. But I'm not speaking on their behalf. I'm speaking as a private individual because I didn't know about this meeting until today.

I have four brief points to make. Number one, I've lived most of my life, almost all of my life, in this greater North Beach/Telegraph Hill area, since 1935. In the 1940s and '50s I walked at least, on an average, twice a week through the streets of Manilatown, Kearny Street, so I'm quite familiar with this area, and I might say historically that this early San Francisco City Hall and Hall of Justice were all located within half a block or a block of this proposed site for the first 25 years of San Francisco history, and then the Hall of Justice was where the Hilton Hotel is right now, until 1964. So it's very much the heart of traditional San Francisco.

Third point, or fourth point: Manilatown, and I remember the Manilatown and I-Hotel period also, I want to mention that.

Now, where I stand on this issue. I'm entirely in favor of this building. I feel that if the community college district and the Chinatown community have determined that this is the best solution, and I have no idea, I haven't gone into the technicalities and the feasibility of the proposal, but if this is what they feel is what they want, I'm all for it. And I have determined also that no great loss of sunlight nor loss of views is entailed in this matter, either from Portsmouth Plaza or from Telegraph Hill, or any other hill.

If you look from Russian Hill you have a high-rise building between Kearny Street and the waterfront, and that's the appraisers' building. I'm all for this. And I want to say, finally, if the community anywhere in this city or country avidly wants an education, for God's sake let them have it and do it the way they want it.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Ms. Kia Lee.

MS. LEE: Good evening. I'm an Asian-American...
I do support a college campus in Chinatown but do not, I do not support a tower. And I'm here to voice my concerns about the building of a 16-story college. I fear this massive building will cause overcrowding, less parking, and most importantly, safety issues for young children and elderly like yourself.

Perhaps City College should consider more parking in a skyway to walk safely across Kearny in their plan. So you and us, the decision maker, please ask yourself if it's necessary for a 16-story without proper safety plans in the EIR, and 100 percent approval from us and all of us taxpayers of the community. So I say yes to a college but no to a tower. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Craig Fosella. And could you spell your last name.

MR. FOSELLA: Craig Fosella, F-o-s-s-e-l-l-a.

I want to first thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. We've heard a lot tonight about how great the college is going to be and the multitude of students that are going to be serviced by it, but since we're here to talk about the EIR, I just have to ask two questions.

Where are they going to park, and how are they going to get there? I work in the community. I own a small business right next to where the proposed college is going to go. I'm not here speaking to you from Cupertino. I actually am in the community. And there is a problem with parking. We all know it. There's a problem now.

According to the EIR, there's going to be much more of a problem parking; there's going to be the impact of thousands of faculty, staff, and then, of course, the students.

Without parking, small businesses in the area like mine can't survive.

Also, according to the EIR, the Muni is going to be overwhelmed. Currently there's only two bus stops that go around that Kearny/Washington area; the 9 AX and the BX, which only run during peak commuter hours. So I ask that the college addresses, in plans going forward, parking, traffic, and also commuter issues, as many of the students would obviously be commuters. Thank you for your time.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you. Ania Mankowskallard.

Spell that for us.

MS. MANKOWSKALLARD: Sure. A-n-i-a, M-a-n-k-o-w-s-k-a-l-l-a-r-d.

First of all, I want to let everybody know that I'm not against City College. I'm not against...
education. I believe that there should be a building built in the Chinatown neighborhood.

However, I work at a business half a block away from the proposed building, and I take, I depend on Muni to get to work every single day. I take bus number 1, which right now, technically, should take me about six or seven minutes to get to work.

It can take anything between fifteen and twenty minutes on the bus and usually takes me, actually to get on the bus, it takes about five buses to pass by the bus stop not even stopping, because they're so full.

So I can only imagine how many buses there are going to be needed to actually get all the people -- there's a very big community, Chinese community, living in the south side of Richmond. I can only think how many buses it's going to take to take all the people downtown to the Chinatown area to drop them off at school. And obviously there are not going to be new streets, we have to rely on what's really already here. And I don't think in the current state we can expect to fit more people on the Chinatown buses and on the bus that I personally take.

I think the tall building is going to intensify traffic congestion in the area. There's no parking.

It's difficult to park as it is right now, and the clients of my business are already complaining, and I think it's going to influence the building that -- it's going to influence my business.

I also think that the EIR draft is not really looking into the unique character of the area, which is one of San Francisco's most historic neighborhoods. It attracts people, hundreds of thousands of tourists, every year, every day, and I think they are not looking into it.

The original proposal was to construct two low-rise buildings, which had pro community support. In contrast, the new proposed tower would be one of the tallest, if not the tallest, academic buildings on the West Coast. Basically, it's not aimed at education; it's more aimed at just building a tall building.

I think it's going to negatively affect the area. It's not going to match the character and culture of the Chinatown neighborhood.

It's also going to fail to meet the City's requirement of height for this area, which are currently much lower than the proposed 16- or 17-story building. It also violates the ordinance that restricts buildings from creating shadows on open spaces and would block the light on Portsmouth Square. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you. Before I introduce
the next speaker, the speakers after this, in this order: Chi Sen Chen, Peter Ng, Janice Wood, Steven Lee, and Ronnie Rhoe.

So if you could get yourselves lined up in the aisle in that order, we will call you, and our current speaker is Audrey Lohse. You might want to spell it for the record.

MS. LOHSE: Audrey, A-u-d-r-e-y, Lohse, L-o-h-s-e. As has been said, I'm definitely all for education and for the college. Much more in support of a shorter building. I live in North Beach and work on the same block as the proposed building and am very concerned with some of the negative aspects as far as this plan goes, such as travel to meetings and safety concerns. Taking the bus to and from work is already very chaotic in this area, and adding approximately 8,000 more people to this traffic is going to overwhelm the Muni, especially during commuting hours, which is going to cause more overcrowding to this already very condensed area. Parking for our customers is very difficult as it is. Adding new commuters is going to take away from many of the small businesses, all of the small businesses in that area, as far as their current customers are concerned, as parking is terrible.

As far as the plan goes, parking hasn't been taken into consideration at all, especially considering the lack of parking already, and it's going to hurt many small businesses there.

As for the EIR earthquake plan, there's safety concerns, and as it says on page 3E3, that an earthquake along the Hayward Fault would, quote, "cause heavy structural damage in the vicinity of the project site." That has been addressed a few times, but in an earthquake it would take a lot longer to get, obviously, a 16-story building full of people and students out than it would the possible alternatives. The safety impacts of this should definitely be looked at when alternatives are considered.

In an emergency, the elevators would be shut off for students, and many of the students are going to be ages 55 or older, which is already going to cause difficulties. Stairs are going to be very crowded, if necessary to rescue disabled or injured people.

Building the shorter buildings would help with the safety concerns of students and college employees to get out faster. I would think a shorter building or possible building, would be cheaper since it wouldn't need as many elevators or space for the elevators or stairways. And it would definitely help save lives in the event of an emergency or earthquake, any type of
natural disaster in that area. And just help with injuries by having a shorter building that would be easier to evacuate. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Zhao Zinxeng.

MR. ZINXENG: My name is Zhao Zinxeng, and I'm with students that are at the Chinatown committee. I'm also a new immigrant. I'm a student at City College in Chinatown. Before I came to the United States I notice that people living in the United States are very supportive of education. There are many famous universities and colleges here in the United States. For example, Harvard, Yale, and MIT.

So immigrants such as myself, Asian born, who want to get into the mainstream society of the United States, we need to receive a quality education; not only in English but also to receive job skills and other skills. But now the Chinatown campus is not big enough to provide for our needs. So myself and my friends and also my family members, we all are looking for a new campus center to be built in Chinatown, which is large enough that it accommodate all the programs.

So this is a great opportunity, and we should not let it go. Of course, we have also had some opposition to this plan. I'm not going to argue with them. I'm sure that the people who reason with that are (inaudible).

And I'm sure the members of Board of Trustees are smart enough to tell the center which side is better. So I urge the board as the decision maker, and also united officials that you should listen to the voices and the opinions of the community.

(Loss of electrical power. Off the record.)

CHANCELLOR DAY: We've got a very, very long evening ahead of us. We've got a lot more cards. What we would like to try to do, if it's at all possible, there are a number of people who are here that want to provide, within the time limits that we've got, substantive input and comments on the EIR itself.

We also have quite a few people, as evidenced in what's taken place, who are simply showing up and expressing their support for the project or the campus. And we're trying to expedite this in such a way that we can allow both to occur without being rude or cutting people off.

But if a lot of people are here to talk just about their support to the project, it seems to us that that could be done in a lot more efficient and expeditious manner. So I'm going to suggest what we do is ask folks who are here, maybe, who would -- where is Michael Rice? Well, if you're here to just express
support, try to do that in a more timely and efficient way.

If you've got substantive comments on the EIR, then we will respect you and allow you the full three minutes. But we really need to try to move this meeting along.

Next, Mr. Chi Sen Chen.

MR. CHEN: I came from South Bay, and I was also the president here to launch a signature campaign today at South Bay.

I came from Taiwan 37 years ago, and I used to work at a college in Taiwan.

I was also an officer of Family Association in San Francisco, here.

I was also the person in charge, or assistant to the Trustee, of some of his South Bay organizers.

So when I first came here 37 years ago, I attended here at San Jose Community College, and as an immigrant, I know what they want and what they need.

Well, this is a dream, and this is a great opportunity center for the immigrants that live in San Francisco.

And it's also a very important center happening today in Chinatown, in this century.

So if the 16-story campus is going to be built in Chinatown, so that it will create an educational atmosphere in the community. Some people have mentioned that the 16-story building will create safety issues, and also a traffic problem. I think that's too much.

I'm confident that the technology of today can make sure that this building, given a 30-story-high center, would be safe. And I'm sure most of the students, when they come to Chinatown, they will take public transportation like BART, and also Muni.

And I'm sure that the City, and also the buildings center that are built, will do something to make sure the traffic is going on smoothly. Thank you.

MS. FOSTER: My name is Peggy Foster. I'm kind of confused by this whole issue because it's not making any sense to me that there's any problem with the environmental impact.

So the opposition is kind of strange because everything in the environmental impact report here says that really, if there's any impact at all, it will be very insignificant.

The transportation issue makes no sense either because it's not like 8,000 students are going to come marching down the street in a big army, or something. So therefore it kind of makes you wonder why, the opposition by the Hilton and, apparently, the Telegraph
Hill dwellers, from what I understand. The only possible thing it can be is, somebody thinks their view is going to be obstructed. And that makes no sense, because it's right on the edge of downtown. There are a lot of buildings around it that are as high or higher than this will be. Nobody's real view is going to get obstructed except maybe a few stories of the building, and one side of the building. In addition, there will be a lot of business brought to the area, I would think, by this. So it would seem good for it, and I don't understand the local businesspeople's willingness to go with the Hilton, or whoever these people are who don't want it.

But the other thing is, there's one other aspect to the Environmental Impact Report that is not in here. And that's because it traditionally is not in here. It has to do with how long can these people at the Hilton or these businesspeople, how long can they hold their pee.

And I ask that because at the City College campus that they're using, there is no accessible bathroom at all that anybody with a disability can use unless they can climb steps. So not allowing this building to be built -- and frankly, if they won't allow this building to be built right on the edge of downtown, they're not going to allow one to be built further out, where there really is no bunch of really tall downtown buildings to be a part of. Then they will object to the view.

So if they're not going to allow this building to be built, they're creating a real environmental hazard for people with disabilities, for seniors with mobility problems, for anybody who can't get beyond the first floor of the building. They can't go to the classrooms upstairs; they can't go to the office upstairs, they can't go -- it's against the law. So it's a liability issue.

And the people at the Hilton, frankly, I just don't think -- they don't care. My experience is a lot of people just don't care. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Peter Ng, and the next speaker is Janice Wood.

MR. NG: My name is Peter Ng. I'm a resident. The 16-story plan center has been in the works for quite a while, and since the Hilton Hotel there, they are introducing a new plan. And there's a Chinese saying that, "Well, with money you can do everything." So Hilton is providing poisonous coffee to Chinatown. Why?

Well, at a meeting on May the 14th -- according to the expert, the two buildings that are planned for
the center at the Hilton Hotel, there are a lot of mistakes. For example, the ceilings were too low, and also they use concrete, and to build the campus, and there is not enough lighting.

So while the rich people said that they can use money to buy the official, or the product, they cannot buy justice.

TRUSTEE RAMOS: Translator, I want to ask you a question. Did he use the term "poisonous coffee"?

THE TRANSLATOR: Yes.

TRUSTEE RAMOS: I want to use that one; "poisonous coffee."

MR. NG: I want to explain. The Chinese say, "If you have rich people, you can pay money to let the table say something for you."

But this project, the second project, like the devil, make poison coffee to Chinatown. You understand?

TRUSTEE RAMOS: Yes, thank you, Peter.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Janice Wood.

MS. WOOD: Janice Wood; I'm a City College instructor and a resident of North Beach. And first I would like to respond to some previous comments.

We need to remember that Chinatown/North Beach campus already exists. We have been here since 1975. So these thousands of people that everyone is worried about, they already come here every day and go home every day. And we do ride Muni, and very few of us drive. There's no student parking now.

My main point is concerning the Muni impact, as mentioned in the EIR. And I know that it does say there may be a significant impact, and I believe that is, part of that was based on a survey that was done in the classrooms.

And as someone who administered this survey, I can tell you that unfortunately, we, a lot of us feel that the students did not really understand what was being asked of them. And in the low-level classes we were not able to help them. And unfortunately, although we know that they come to Chinatown, do their shopping, visit their family, pick up their children at school, many of them just marked "home, school," "school, home."

So I think the only way to have gotten an accurate picture would have been one-on-one interviews of each student, which obviously could not have happened.

I personally believe there are two reasons that Muni will experience reduced ridership with the new building. Many faculty and students will now be able to walk from Market Street after using Muni Metro or BART. And many students will now be able to walk directly from
home or work to the new campus since it will actually be
in Chinatown and not on Russian Hill.
And also, since we will be in one campus, we
will not be traveling back and forth between two and
three different buildings. So I think there will be
reduced ridership on the 30 and 45 lines.

CHANCELLOR DAY: The current speaker is Steven
Lee. After Mr. Lee, and again I would ask people to
line up in the aisle, Ronnie Rhoe, Sue Lim Yee, Sam Siu,
Mary Capp, Marina Caldes. Those are the next speakers
after Mr. Steven Lee.

MR. RHOE: I'm actually Mr. Rhoe.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Rhoe. Is Mr. Steven Lee
here? It's yours.

MR. RHOE: Good evening. My name is Ronnie,
R-o-n-n-i-e, R-h-o-e, Director of community development
with Chinese for Affirmative Action.
I would like to talk about the importance of
creating career opportunities for Chinatown residents
during the construction phase of this project sooner
rather than later.
Construction is one of the few sectors in San
Francisco that provides a career path and accessibilty
for low-income communities like Chinatown. We want to
ensure that there is a clear and comprehensive plan so
that Chinatown residents have access to jobs during the
construction phase to reach the stated high wrinkles of
this project.
We're pleased to note that there's a project
labor agreement in place for City College projects and
that workers will be coming out of the local union
hiring halls.
We think this is a great opportunity to
coordinate efforts between City College, City Build, the
local building trades, and community organizations to
ensure sponsorship opportunities for Chinatown residents
and immigrant job seekers to diversify their trades.
Only through this coordination can we ensure
that local hires are made to kick-start a career-long
commitment to the trades and not simply a temporary hire
to fulfill the goals of this project.
I would also like to request that a thorough
summary of local hiring for the City College admission
campus be made publicly available so that successes with
the implementation of that program can be carried over
to the Chinatown effort and that gaps or shortages can
be addressed prior to the start of the building.

Thank you for your time.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Sue Lim Yee.

MS. YEE: Ladies and Gentlemen on the board and
in the audience, thank you all for being here tonight and giving of your time and energy to this important matter of a new Chinatown/North Beach campus. Chinatown/North Beach campus is part of the San Francisco Community College District, thus serving the community.

But what is "community"? Does it mean specifically the residents of the Chinatown/North Beach neighborhoods? Does it mean just the immigrant population? Because the Chinatown/North Beach campus dean also serves as the dean of the school of ESL.

As a counselor for nearly 30 years at the Chinatown/North Beach campus, I know that our community of students come from all over and that our "community" refers to any person who is interested and qualified to attend our classes. Thus we serve a broad geographic community, be they from Fremont, catching a ride with a relative from San Francisco and wanting to study ESL; an Hispanic student from the Mission district who wants to be in a non-Spanish-speaking setting; an Afghani student who works in a nearby restaurant; an African-American student interested in our business classes.

Chinatown/North Beach, like the other City College campuses, seek to serve a diverse population, and a new building at the corner of Washington and Kearny will allow us to expand and diversify our programs and better serve the needs of our current and potential students from the financial district, from the I-Hotel, and even from the Hilton.

By being able to design a building to meet ADA regulations, we can better serve students with disabilities. By being at Washington and Kearny, our campus will be more convenient to parents whose children attend neighborhood schools such as CEC, Gordon J. Lau, Johnny Hall Chin, and childcare centers such as Wu Yi and Rainbow. Being in Chinatown our students can easily walk to and from their home and their jobs in local restaurants.

I'll just do it real quickly.

By being near bus stops, it's more convenient for our students. By being in one location, they don't need to commute. But more important, for the student services program, a new building will provide adequate and appropriate office space. Counselors will have enclosed offices that will allow for confidentiality and privacy.

Our interdisciplinary team of academic counselors, CSPS counselors, financial aid counselors, APEC counselors, and child development advisors, who have separate offices for each area, we will be able to
offer testing, group workshops, and student/teacher
conferences without interruptions and vacating
classrooms.

Our students need a library, a real bookstore,
and areas for eating, studying, and socializing.
Although our current site is an improvement from the
Cumberland Church, where I have worked before, this is
far from being an ideal environment.
I will try to be optimistic with the time line
set in the EIR document of construction beginning in
2009.

CHANCELLOR DAY: I'm sorry. We need to wrap
this up. Please. You're taking too much time. You're
way over.

MS. YEE: I'm sorry. I apologize. I hope
that I will celebrate my 30th year with the celebration
of a new campus. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Sam Siu.

MR. SIU: My name is Sam Siu. The spelling is
S-i-u. I am San Francisco Sunset District resident.
I am also a union member for Service Employees
International Union, San Francisco Local 87 Union.
Basically, I am a member of the community strong request
trustees to approve the North Beach/Chinatown 16-level
campus as soon as possible.

(Off the record.)

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Siu, you're on. You have
two minutes remaining in your presentation.

MR. SIU: I would repeat, our community would
strongly request the trustees approve the 16 campus as
soon as possible. Because the time is limited. The
building fund from the State connect the, limit that
line. Our community have request the North
Beach/Chinatown campus from 1996, but no resolve. We
don't want fail again.

We understand the hotel giant, they try to
misdirect the public. They try to stop, they try to
delay. They delay, "Oh, how about other plan? How
about new building plan?" We understand our 16-level
parking already improve 90 percent is beautiful, but the
other plan, the two buildings, the move vote is zero.
That's approved by the contract.

The hotel giant is our community labor. They
try to enemy our community; how shame on you. With the
hotel giant still trying to interrupt our plan, our
community will pay the hotel giant.

Hey, hey, ho ho, hotel giant got to go. What
do you want?

CHANCELLOR DAY: Professor Mary Capp.

MS. CAPP: My name is Mary Capp; M-a-r-y,
C-a-p-p. I'm an ESL teacher at the Chinatown/North Beach campus and a resident of North Beach.

I would like to stress the importance and practicality of a one-building campus from the point of view of the users of the building. That is, teachers, students, and staff need easy access to all the services in one building; counseling, testing, the cafeteria, library, computer and language labs, and so on.

It doesn't make sense that we would replicate a multiple-site campus which is not working for us now, at a new campus.

The majority of the classes at the Chinatown/North Beach campus are non-credit English as a second language classes, with over 160 classes spread over seven days.

Most of the students are at a very low level of English; literacy; beginning low, beginning high.

Students are learning survival English for work, shopping, and other everyday activities.

To this end, teachers bring visual material to the clasroom; for instance, it might be clocks to one class, and then the next class, fruits and vegetables. Teachers don't stay in the same classroom for all of their classes. They move from one classroom to another.

And there's only a ten-minute break between classes. That means that at the end of every of class, they have to pack up all of their materials, while at the same time often answering questions from individual students about grammar, or vocabulary, or the lessons, and then go set up in the next room.

It's not possible that they can also add to that; go from one building and around the block to the next building. Classes will start late. Also, it would be very difficult and inconvenient for senior students and disabled students to go from one building to another. Last, students and teachers moving from one building to another would actually double the foot traffic rather than the situation of staying in one building for the duration of their schedule.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you, Mary. The next group of speakers is led off with Mr. Harrison Lim, to be followed by Dr. Lauri McLean, to be followed by Zhao Xin Zeng, Yu Nyn Chan, and Jim Pan Sui. Mr. Lim.

MR. LIM: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

My name is Harrison Lim, H-a-r-r-i-s-o-n, Lim, L-i-m; the presiding president of Chinese Consolidated Liberal Association. But I prefer use --

I fully support the building of the 16-story campus in Chinatown. I ask the Board of Trustees to look from the perspective of our Chinese community,
which we have struggled for more than a century, and now we're getting some success.

But please stand on our points, that if this happens to your communities, what are you going to consider to do. Well, if this campus is going to be built in other district, for example, at Bayview Hunter's Point, I don't think there would be such a controversy.

It's because of the Chinese communities that I have been a president of so many years, that's why we are being so dependent on. So I ask the Board of Trustees to look at this issue from the perspective of this vantage to approve the 16-story plan.

Well, we can refer to the example of the campus downtown, the City College campus at downtown, and there is no parking garage there. And it's still a very successful campus. So the opposing of the parties are just trying to obstruct this project.

So I ask the Board of the Trustee center to support the wishes of the disadvantaged community.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Laurie McLean.

MS. McLEAN: I'm Laurie Lou McLean. I teach at City College, and I grew up in Chinatown.

What we have seen is that we have had a multitude, is that we have had a multitude of students, staff, and many members of the community speak for this integrated, unified, accessible campus in Chinatown.

This follows the history of the Chinese in California and their quest for education in the face of persistent denial. In 1860, just ten years after the state was founded, the legislature passed a law that said, quote, "Negroes, Mongolians, and Indians shall not be admitted into public schools." Because of the concerted efforts of African-Americans and those of Indian descent in the state, by 1870 they were allowed in schools, but only in segregated schools.

Asian students were still not allowed in any schools in 1870, whether they were integrated or segregated.

By 1880, that concerted lobbying on behalf of African-Americans, because of the concerted effort of African-American students, and also students of Indian descent, they were allowed to go into desegregated schools. But still, even then, Asian students were not allowed to attend any public school.

By the 1880s the Chinese had stepped up their efforts to gain access to education.

They argued very, very strongly that they were taxpayers and that they deserved an education from the taxes that they paid. They also argued that they were
residents in the state, and they were not sojourners
intending to go back to China, but that their futures
resided here in America.

By the 1880s, the Chinese had stepped up their
efforts to gain an education, but the legislature then
wrote a law that says, "Trustees shall have the power to
school children in filthy or vicious habits, and also to
establish separate schools for children of Mongolian or
Chinese descent."

It was obvious at that time that the reason for
denying Asian children an education had something to do
with these excuses. And it seems to me, from reading
this environmental impact report, that, frankly, if we
weigh the factors, the factors speak very, very clearly
for this building. And in fact, on one of the pages of
the Environmental Impact Report, for people who are
questioning the parking situation, it says, "The project
will not result in substantial increase in demand on
parking or vehicle traffic, and impacts will be less
than significant."

In other words, it seems to me the arguments
we've heard this evening have tried to throw in excuses
which just don't work. And the same excuses for denying
the Chinese education.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you, Laurie.

MS. McLEAN: So the arguments we have heard are
really part of a legacy of the Chinese fighting for
their right to education, and I urge the board to accept
the Environmental Impact Report, and get this plan
moving.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Zhao Xin Zeng?

MS. BIEUDIENG: Lang Loan Bieudieng; L-a-n-g,
L-o-a-n, B-i-e-u-d-i-n-g. Okay. Thank you for the
opportunity today to allow me to speak here.

I am a skilled learner. I am also a parent. I
respect the comments that are people's who oppose the
project, but I want to point out one thing. That the
Hilton Hotel is more than 30 stories high. And we
remember in nineteen-something there's a great
earthquake, and there's nothing happens to the Hilton
Hotel. So why should we worry that the 16 stories our
campus built would be threatened by the earthquake?

So if any building is going to create a traffic
problem, it should be the Hilton Hotel center, because
they have more than 30 stories high.

Instead, the Hilton Hotel center should support
our center to build even more stories so we can have
parking center garage.

So the traffic problems, as the Chinese saying
said, "When the water is overflow, there's a way that
can be naturally solved." And I believe the same can be applied for the traffic problem in Chinatown.

So this is a great opportunity, which would benefit our children, and I hope that the 16-story building center can be built.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Yu Nyu Chan.

That's not you. Pretty definite about that.

Okay. Mr. Mel Lee.

Next speaker is Jin Pan Sui. After that is Lin Tan. Mei Zhen Ma and King Chan.

Mr. Lee?

MR. LEE: Madam President, members of the Board of Trustees. My name is Mel Lee, M-e-l, L-e-e.

You folks have been making not just small history; it will be major history. Remember, I have been a resident of San Francisco for over 50 years. I've never seen anything as critical as this one.

The first day that Trustee Lawrence Wong, he promised would build a City College in Chinatown, I believe it's happening right now. No matter which team you folks be choosing, it's in your hands; whether it's a 16-story or different scheme. Do not delay; proceed. That's the bottom line.

But given an opportunity, if you have the opportunity financially, physically, if you can provide

some problem, it's going to help the project, a major, major factor.

Secondly, I'm not going to be worried about it's more few bits of shadows, nor certain points of view. That's secondary. In the shadow of the park.

So Trustees, the ballgame's in your hands. Implore you to proceed with the project. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: I assume I'm pronouncing this correctly. Mr. Jin Pan Sui.

And the next speaker is Lin Tan. If you could come down and be ready, please.

MS. SUI: My name is Jin Pan Sui, J-i-n, P-a-n, S-u-i.

I support the 16-story Chinatown campus because new immigrants going to need to study English to learn English. If we don't know English there's no way we can find a job. So that's why I support the 16-story project and I wish everybody would support the project, too.

And I also wish that the buildings will be constructed as early as possible. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Ms. Lin Tan.

MS. TAN: Yes, my name is Lin Tan, L-i-n, T-a-n.

I was a student at the Chinatown/North Beach
campus. Now I'm a teaching assistant at the
Chinatown/North Beach campus. As a former student, I
want to say thank you so much, Chinatown/North Beach
campus. As a teaching assistant I want to say, I feel
so sorry for you, Chinatown/North Beach campus. And the
why? To answer that question I would like to use my
native language, Chinese, because I want to share my
strong feelings with all of you. And I have English
summary that you can help me to read for you. Thank
you.

On behalf of thousands of students I would like
to thank City College North Beach campus. The
educational program there enable me to go from a
beginning-level English learner to become a teaching
assistant and a vocational English teacher at the Jewish
Community Center in a few short years.

The school also enable my son Owen, who
immigrated to the U.S. two years ago, to complete his
non-credit program and transfer to the credit program.
At the North Beach campus we have the support of the
personal dean, caring instructors and counselors, who
helped to guide my son through his restless teenage
years to become a young man with directions and
compassion. My story and my son's story illustrate the
positive outcome of the program, of the Chinatown/North

However, as a teacher assistant I'm troubled by
many problems that the campus faces. The campus doesn't
have a permanent home and has to rent many classrooms,
so the teachers and students have to go from site to
site, many city blocks apart. I have the greatest
respect for them. I often feel sorry for the teachers
who go down the street of Chinatown/North Beach carrying
their heavy bags and eating their sandwiches along the
way.

Students often have to fight for seats in
classrooms and computer labs, very often resulting in
unpleasant situation. There's no lunchroom and adequate
bathroom, so that there are always long lines outside
each bathroom. My heart goes out to the students and
teachers who eat standing up, and to the seniors and
disabled people lining up outside the bathroom reclining
on their cane. I really feel our campus need a
permanent building as soon as possible.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mei Zhen Ma, to be followed by
King Chan.

MS. MA: Thank you for the opportunity to allow
me to speak here. I have some comments about the
16-story building. Well, we are new immigrants and
people who were born here. They don't know how hard
kind of life new immigrants there is.

Well, I remember one time I went to the post
office to try to send a registered mail, and then I
asked whether I fill in the form was correct. And I was
told, "Why don't you go to Chinatown newcomer service."

Well, I felt so bad, and I almost cried. And I
told the post office guy that if I know English, I won't
bother you. So I notice that if I don't know English,
there is no way I can fully live the life here in the
United States.

So if other people can survive, I can, too. So
I went to school, and now it has been 23 years since I
came to the United States. Now I found a good job;
after I learned English I found a good job. So I urge
the Board to support the building of the 16-story campus
to benefit the new immigrants.

MR. CHAN: My name is King Lam Chan, and I'm
representing the Chinese Progressive Association, a
44-year-old-community-based organization that educates
and empowers the Chinese community and promotes justice
and equality for all people.

Through Chinese Progressive Association, with
low-income immigrant families are struggling to survive
economy in this city, we understand the urgent need to

build a new Chinatown campus as soon as possible.

For example, over the past several years, CPA
has assists over 1,500 government workers to SS public
benefits and retaining services, and we also conducting
ongoing outreach to over 400 low-income families with
children living in single-room-occupancy hotels in
Chinatown.

This cost billions of CPA and the tens of
thousands of other low-income and working class
immigrants in our community desperately need expand
workforce development opportunities that would be made
possible by the new Chinatown campus as proposed by City
College San Francisco.

Land is precious in San Francisco, and
especially so in Chinatown. Building a 10-story
building instead of a 16-story one is apparently a
waste. A building is expected to last at least for
decades, and we must take the population growth, in
meeting the future needs, in consideration.

The other piece of land could be used for
future development. The 16-story campus would surely be
more prudent and fruitfully investment and efficient in
operations.

But when this concern in this community is that
we could not afford to waste any more time before the
funding will dry up and another round of argument
whether it will be legally or politically.
The two buildings proposal is just hastily put
together to stop the 16-story building plan by those
with self-interest, namely the Hilton Hotel and trustee
investors.
We therefore strongly support the 16-story
campus proposal and that it be, in the eyes of the
future generation, the testament to the foresight of the
founders, but not a blunder, because we are submissive
for those who are not of the good of the Chinatown
community.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you, sir. The next
several speakers include the following: First, Mr. Paul
Kwok and Tony Gantner. Mr. Kohler, are you here?
Would the rest of the speakers line up, please.
MR. KOHLER: My name is Paul Kohler. And I'm
representing District 3 Democratic Club.

CHANCELLOR DAY: K-o-h-l-e-r?
MR. KOHLER: Correct. The District 3
Democratic Club is against this EIR for two reasons.
Number one, for transportation reasons, and secondly,
for historic neighborhood.
First off, regarding transportation. From a
campus of over 7,000 students who were primarily from
other areas, little allowance for additional parking has
been made in the EIR. Additionally, there is no
increase or adjustment of the local transportation,
including Muni buses.
Now, regarding the historic neighborhood, the
area is a historic area; one of the oldest in San
Francisco. Portsmouth Square is a very beautiful and
very special part of Chinatown and old North Beach. Do
we like that the huge concrete Hilton Hotel looms over
the square?
The proposed building is much wider and much
bigger than the Hilton, and the location is much closer
to the Portsmouth Square.
Now, if you look at the pictures in the EIR of
the building, it looks much like a Las Vegas hotel. In
summary, we very much do want a City College campus in
this area, but we want one that fits in with the
historic district.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Please, ladies and gentlemen.
Biyun Yu.
MS. YU: Biyun Yu; B-i-y-u-n, Y-u.
I heard about this project ten years ago. I
have been waiting ten years. Now the plan is going to
be considered to approved. I support the 16-story plan.
because, as a student, we don't want the students to
move from one site center to another site. Also,
there's a long waiting list of students to be enrolled
to City College.
If we are going to delay, instead of one year
to another year, how many ten years do we have in our
life? So I would ask that the Board of Trustees, that
no further delay of the project.
So I urge the Board to support the building at
16 stories so that while we are still alive, we can see
this actually realized.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Elaine Lai. And the next
speaker is Yuki Yim Ma.

MS. LAI: Good evening, honorable Trustees,
Dr. Day, and ladies and gentlemen. My name is Elaine
Lai, and I'm the business faculty member at
Chinatown/North Beach. This evening I would like to
share with you the reasons why we need a 16-story
building in Chinatown/North Beach campus.
First, the existing building was built in 1911,
and the infrastructure of the building was not built to
meet the current needs and demands of the computer
technology of our students and community.
Very often, we experience power outages in the
computer labs due to the overload of the electrical

We definitely need a 16-story building with the
infrastructure to support the modern technology so we
have more rooms to better serve our community.
Secondly, with the existing two business
computer labs, our computer and business class offerings
are very limited at Chinatown/North Beach.
Currently we do not offer any business and
computer credit courses. With the new 16-story
building, we will have more computer labs in the
classrooms to authorize the computer and business
courses in both credit and non-credit to serve our
students in the local business community.
Students can keep credit and non-credit classes
without traveling across town. Last but not the least,
currently, students and community have very limited
access to our open computer lab because if we open more
computer lab hours for students or communities, that
means we have to cut down our computer course offerings,
and vice versa.
In conclusion, I urge the Board of Trustees to pass the resolution to our 16-story building for Chinatown campus without any further delay. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Would you pronounce and spell your name, please.

MS. MA: Hello. My name is Y-u-k-i, Y-i-m, M-a; Yuki.

Ladies and gentlemen, good evening. I am the president for the Chinatown lobby students. I need to speak in Chinese. Thank you.

I represent the students at our campus to express our strong support for City College to build a new 16-floor building in Chinatown. We hope the building will be built as soon as possible. Education has always been an important issue to everyone. There's a Chinese saying that goes like this: "It takes ten years to train a person. Education is the backbone."

A new school building in Chinatown is the desire of most people. A more equipped and adequate building is better for students to study, give more people the opportunity to receive an education, and help new immigrants to learn the American language, culture, and job-training skills. It would benefit the Chinese for generations to come.

But right now some people are trying hurt the community by representing the owner of the taller buildings, such as Hilton Hotel, and speaking against the new 16-floor building. They are using the environmental and shadow issues as excuse. In fact, what they are doing is accumulating political and economic power to advance their own career.

These people are really going downhill. We must protect the educational rights of the Chinese community. We continue to support City College in building a 16-floor building in Chinatown. We hope that the new building can be built as soon as possible.


We need to stop for two minutes.

(Off the record.)

MR. KWOK: My name is Jimmy Kwok, K-w-o-k. First of all, let me greet President Dr. Grier, and the Board of Trustees, and Chancellor Dr. Day. A special thanks to translator. They're doing a very good job tonight. Thank you for your patience.

I have read the EIR report that came out on May 16th. I have come up with the following issues and comments. Number one, whether the EIR is a credible report. Refer to, when I look at the introduction,
section B, already we have been contracted for review and approval of this project. And B, this report is not marked up by any independent professional agency, such as San Francisco City Planning, or Office of State Architect, or any other independent parent agencies. And C, it appears to constitute the presumptions of potential conflict of interest. And four, it appears that the original intent of CEQA could have been substantially tainted.

The number two issue, is there a credible and viable alternative provided in the report? There isn't any alternative that is credible and viable provided in the report. However, right now there is the educational provision proposal that could be considered by the Board of Trustees, to have the City College professional team supporting the visibility of this intervening proposal as a possible comparable and viable alternative.

And number three, are there any analysis reports of comparables, comparing the 17-story, decide at all. I would like to alert the Board of Trustees that if we are serious about building this campus, we'd better make sure those issues can survive any court challenges, or we might have to wait indefinitely.

Actually, I don't speak good English. That's why I did not prepare for trustees. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you, Jimmy.

Mr. Tony Gantner. Followed up by Zi Ma Zhu.

Not here?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Go home already.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Followed by Sharon Seymour.

MR. GANTNER: Trustees, Chancellor Day, good evening. Tony Gantner, North Beach Merchants Association.

As we have stated in a letter to the San Francisco Chronicle and in public forums, we want a Chinatown/North Beach campus, and we don't want anymore delays. However, City College's proposal for a nearly 250-foot, 17-story high-rise campus at the cultural nexus of Chinatown, Portsmouth Square Park, old North Beach and Jackson Square, is simply too big in scope and scale for this historic Gold Rush area of San Francisco. The visual quality impacts of the present proposal would be a Dutch mantle to a historic area heavily visited by tourists from all over the world and to a park heavily used by the Chinese community.

We must preserve our special character; we must protect our historic resources. Adequate parking is not provided for an estimated 7,000 students, as well as
staff and faculty. While we do not favor increased use
of private automobiles, we will nonetheless lose parking
from the existing site, an added demand on top of that.
The cumulative impact is unacceptable to merchants,
businesses, and residents in the surrounding area.
We do not need an already heavily congested
area made worse, nor Muni further slowed by people
searching for nonexisting parking.
There is no overriding consideration that can
possibly outweigh the significant environmental effects
of this project when other mid-rise alternatives can
also meet program needs.
The coalition of which we are a part has
proposed a very reasonable compromise, with continued
good-faith iterations that meets all City College needs,
includes parking, and would allow us to move forward
without more years of delay.
Of course, we cannot forget the Portsmouth
Square park already under severe stress, to the point
where DPW has taken over maintenance from the rec/park
department. Let us not forget that compassion for the
environment is as compassion for our fellow human
beings.

We thank you for your courtesy and cooperation
in this matter, and we ask that no waiver of existing
planning code height limits be approved by a
supermajority of the Trustees unless and until we have
reached consensus. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Sharon Seymour. Please.
MS. SEYMOUR: I'm Sharon Seymour,
S-e-y-m-o-u-r. I have taught ESL for over 30 years at
City College. I served as chair of the ESL department
for ten years.
Currently I am working on a report on ESL at
the college, with the research department, and I want to
share with you some of the findings we have gotten so
far for that report, which I think --

I support the 16-story one building, which the
EIR gives as the best choice. And I think there's some
strong educational reasons for this. First of all, the
new building will offer a chance for more diversified
offerings at the campus. As you know, ESL is the
largest program now at the campus. It's served, since
spring '06, nearly 5,500 ESL students, along -- there
are other offerings at the campus. But the new building
will provide a chance for more non-credit programs, and
also for credit programs.

You've heard from other students and faculty
tonight that of course our students are interested in
learning English to be able to successfully work and
continue their education in the U.S.

We have found that non-credit ESL students
transfer to credit at higher rates if they take other
non-credit courses while taking ESL. And offering more
non-credit offerings at the campus I think will help
promote this transfer to credit.

Secondly, I believe that a one-building campus
will offer better access to student services. We have
found that non-credit ESL students transfer to credit at
a higher rate when they receive matriculation services
in their first semester, or before their first semester.
And also, non-credit ESL students are retained
longer if they receive matriculation services. I
believe that, we don't have the evidence yet, but I
believe that access to other students services will only
improve retention and transfer to credit. And that is
best done under one roof, in one building.

Finally, I just want to say that I have taught
credit at Ocean, and I have had many Asian students, and
I've asked them to write about their problems with the
college, and one their biggest complaints is the
distance that they have to travel to Ocean to take
credit classes. So if they were able to take classes in
Chinatown, I think many students would be happy.

Better facilities would offer better services

for disabled students and for all of the students at
City College. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Lian Kaizhen.

MR. KAIZHEN: My name is Lian Kaizhen, L-i-a-n,
K-a-i-z-h-e-n. I'm a student from City College. I
fully support the building or 16-story Chinatown campus.

So I guess most of you know that Yau Ming, the
boss, came here from China. Do you think the other
kings, they will say "Oh, you are so high, you are just
obstructing us being the boss"?

So I don't know whether this comparison is
good, but I think that its excuse of obstructing the
view is ridiculous.

So I urge the Board of Trustees that you
approve the plan as soon as possible. So I would like
to make another comparison. Is it better to hire just
one very good teacher than hire just two so-so teachers?
See, my wife was a teacher when she was in China, but
she doesn't know English there. So she can't get into
the education field here in the United States.

So if we have a chance and we have the
opportunity center to learn English, it would help us a
lot. And I urge the Board to support the plan.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Cindy Choy, followed by Susan
Hsieh.
MS. CHOY: Hello. My name is Cindy Choy, C-i-n-d-y, C-h-o-y. I come from Visitation Valley Parent Leadership. I want to ask you a question. That you need not to go to the bathroom for the whole morning? I go to the Filbert Street campus from Monday to Friday. I can't go to the bathroom all morning. Have you ever had this experience? During a lunch hour you have to eat outside the campus and sit on the street and eat there? It is not a park. It's just a sidewalk. Because at Filbert Street, if you are going to eat lunch, you have to eat outside the bathroom. Because I cannot stand the smell, I have to go outside and eat at the sidewalk.

Well, I remember when I first came to the United States, six years ago, people said, Oh, you can go to Filbert Street and take class. I didn't know there are two sides there. So if you are going to construct a building in the middle of Chinatown, so it would be very easy instead of, for immigrants, to locate where it is.

I live at Visitation Valley. I take Muni and I walk to school. So if the campus is situated in Chinatown, we can just go to eat lunch in Chinatown. So we will bring business to small businesses in the community. And also, if we have to move there from one side to another side, it's more safe. So today I have the courage to speak here publicly because there are many good teachers who will teach me to do so. So why not we provide a good environment so there is a teacher can also have time to take rest, and they can teach us.

So I hope that people not be selfish, and let the new immigrants that have the opportunities to learn, and we can survive in this society, so we can make contribution to this society, as well.

Well, I don't want other people say, "Oh, you Chinese just wants to get benefits, welfare," so we will try our best to be contributing members in the society.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Susan Hsieh followed By Gerry Crowley.

MS. HSIEH: My name is Susan Hsieh, S-u-s-a-n, H-s-i-e-h. I am the membership and communications coordinator at CAA, Chinese for Affirmative Action, and I'm reading a statement on behalf of our executive Trustee, Vincent Pan, who is unable to be here tonight.

On behalf of CAA, I would like to thank each of the members up here for your commitment to build a permanent City College campus in Chinatown. Like other
struggles for equal access and opportunity, the road to
a permanent campus continues to be long and difficult.
So I once again urge you to keep your eye on the prize.
I appreciate your effort to conduct these
meetings not just in the public but in this community,
and not just with transparency but with bilingual
access.
I would like to make two comments regarding the
EIR. First, I recommend that the final report provide
some information about the projected economic benefits
of the campus to the surrounding neighborhoods.
Though I understand that this is not required
by law, I believe this information will be very helpful
to you and the community.
Second, the draft report suggests that the
project will have an adverse visual impact. As you may
know, CAA's office is on Walter U. Lum Place, which is
located on and overlooking Portsmouth Square. Our front
windows will have a direct sightline to the proposed
campus location.
This means our employees, people who visit our
office, and the clients that we work with will likely
see the proposed building many times each day, probably
more than the average San Francisco resident will see in
a lifetime.

And yet we all support the proposed project.
Because we know that relative to the community benefits
and opportunities offered by this campus, the visual
impact of the project is minimal, insignificant, and
clearly insufficient to warrant any delays.
Yes, of course there will be a building where
none currently exists. However, the campus will not be
replacing an historical building, nor any sort of
endangered or aesthetic jump.
It will replace an unsightly billboard and a
parking lot, an offer bound against the imposing and
altogether grotesque Hilton Hotel.
The billboard, the parking lot, the Hilton,
these are the unrelenting reminders of commercial excess
and greed that encroach on the character of the
neighborhood. Well, in contrast, the campus in that
particular location will act to the benefit of the
community. And once it's built, the community will find
satisfaction looking at it as a modern, high-tech
quality place of learning. And we will look at it and
be heartened that a decade-long struggle for accessible
and high-quality community education was won.
I want to close by saying that this proposed
campus is exactly what a progressive San Francisco
needs. It is a living beacon of what our country ought
to be: a place of opportunity for immigrants seeking to improve their lives. And therefore, in totality the impact of the campus will actually be an improvement, not a regression.

Therefore I request that the adverse visual impact finding of the draft report be removed from the final version. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: The next speaker after Ms. Crowley is Anthony Sit, Monica Lee, Wilma Pang, and Howard Wong.

MS. CROWLEY: Good evening, I'm Gerry Crowley, G-e-r-r-y, C-r-o-w-l-e-y, and I am representing the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, a neighborhood organization of 800 members. Since 1954 we have been protecting the North Beach Telegraph Hill neighborhood.

First let me restate that we have always supported a Chinatown/North Beach campus. Early in this decade, after more than, or almost two years of meetings with City College, we neighbors were in agreement about a prior proposal. Our primary issue with the current proposal has always been the lack of compatibility with the character of this historic neighborhood.

In our view, a high-rise of glass and steel does not blend with buildings of Chinatown, 75 percent of which are three stories or less. And just as an aside, I should mention for some people in the audience that the Planning Code establishes that the financial district, with its tall buildings, ends on the south side of Washington Street.

Let me direct your attention to the summary of the EIR. I'm looking at page 1-7, paragraph 3, which says, three sentences, I believe, "the project would change the visual setting on the west end of the project block. Particularly, the project would affect the visual character of the area around the Columbo building."

"While there is no quantitative threshold for such visual-quality impacts, which are to an extent based on subjective judgment, it is conservatively determined that the changes to the visual context of the cultural resources in the area around the project site would be a significant adverse impact on visual quality.

"As there are no mitigation measures that would reduce this impact, this impact is considered significant and unavoidable."

We respectfully disagree. Recent meetings between City College's architects and Heller Mannes architects have shown that alternative design proposals suggest that mitigation and compromise are possible.

I hope that the Board of Trustees will continue
to foster these discussions. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Anthony Sit.

Would you spell your last name.

MR. SIT: Yes. Good evening. Everyone my name
is Anthony Sit, last name spelled S-i-t.

I'm 22 years old. I'm a resident of San
Francisco. I'm a student at San Francisco State
University.

I'm a former City College student in the
non-credit division, in computer skills, so obviously
I'm here fully supporting to build a 16-story campus in
Chinatown. For those who say that there is a parking
problem with the 16-story campus building, it's a
citywide problem that has already existed. And also,
for those who oppose, don't see the long-term benefits,
such as helping the economy at ending the period that
was kept from Chinese immigrants and Chinese people.
And they deserve a better education. So I
strongly believe that the campus provides a key for the
students so they can succeed in their career endeavors.
Without the key they would not be able to achieve
success in advancing their career. So once again, I
urge you, the Board members, to go ahead and pass this
resolution to build a 16-story campus without further
delay. Thank you for giving me the opportunity.

MS. LEE: I'm Monica Lee, and today I'm here to
represent my mom to say a speech. My mom is an alumni
of Chinatown/North Beach campus. She studied at CNB
campus for three semesters for non-credit. She studied
at ESL level 1 for one semester. Then the teacher
recommended her to skip level 2 and go to level 3.
After the second semester the same happened and
she skipped level 4 and went to level 5 and 6
intermediate classes. When she finished this level she
took the credit placement test and went to Ocean campus
and got study credit.

In three years my mom graduated from CCSF. I'm
proud of my mom, but she didn't stop her education after
getting her A.A. degree.
She went to John Adams campus for the pharmacy
technician program and, along the way, passed her GED
and also received a scholarship from Asian coalition.
After getting her pharm tech certificate and another
associate degree, my mother was able to find good jobs
as a pharmacy technician and received an employee-of-the
-month award.

My mom is very grateful to all the teachers at
Chinatown/North Beach campus who helped her start her
education in the United States. Because of all their hard effort, and even body language, to teach the beginning students, to learn English as a second language.

Bob Segal, now retired, was my mom's level 3 teacher, and he used a Chinese-English bilingual dictionary to teach the students. He was very patient and kind.

My mom also appreciated the staff at Chinatown/North Beach campus. When my mom was studying at this campus, she worked as a lab aide for 15 hours per week. She helped out in counseling and administration in the enrollment office.

The staff at CNB is a great group. They work well with the students and give bilingual services to help the students. The counselors always do their best to access the students to give the appropriate classes and other assistance to help them with their studies, job search, and other problems.

Chinatown/North Beach campus of City College of San Francisco serves more than 6,500 students seven days a week. As part of the City College of San Francisco ESL program, the Chinese North Beach campus has been meeting the lifelong learning needs of the students located throughout the city as well as serving the residents in North Beach and Chinatown and Marina district.

However, my mom heard complaints from the students about being put on the waiting list because campus cannot accommodate every student that applies there. She always heard that there are at least 700 students on the waiting list. And when she worked at CNB she would send out waiting-list cards when there were openings. But there were never enough openings for everyone on the waiting list.

CHANCELLOR DAY: We need to come to closure.

Thank you. Wilma Pang is not here? Okay. Howard Wong.

MR. WONG: Good evening. Howard Wong, an architect. Thank you for your attentiveness. I'm very impressed with your energy.

As you've heard, there are many variables in a design. Architecture, as we all know, is a very dynamic process.

Many people have very legitimate concerns, and an architect will assemble all of these different program requirements and look at many different options. Fortunately, in this project one thing is very clear. There is wide support throughout the city for a Chinatown campus of very high quality. Some of the issues that many organizations in the northeast sector
of the city have, have existed for many, many decades as
you know. They are concerns about scale, height, mass.
And these issues have not only been issues for North
Beach, Chinatown, and Jackson Square, but have existed
in almost all urban cities in the United States.
So when neighborhood activists or architects or
planners talk about contextualism -- if there's a
Chinese word for that -- they're talking about
preserving a way of life for centuries.
And full people who have preceded us, who have
fought to preserve the scale, have actually preserved
our neighborhoods because, as we have seen in many, many
other cities, the large-scale buildings essentially have
eliminated smaller scale neighborhoods. So fortunately,
in this project we have an opportunity to look at all
these issues and develop a design that actually makes
everybody happy. And for that I think we're very, very
fortunate.

CHANCELLOR DAY: The next speaker is Andrew Hom,
followed by Zhin Lu Li, Alex Ku, Cliff Waldeck, John
Glen.
Andrew Hom, H-o-m?
MR. HOM: H-o-m. Thank you. Honorable
Trustees, Dr. Day, thank you for your indulgence. I
just wanted to cite a few words that Chancellor Day
spoke of when he was interviewed on City Desk. It
really inspired me a lot because it's very true. He
said that he would like to think that City College is
not being judged on who we put into the college but what
we produce when we come out.
This statement is very true on many levels, but
the one I would like to cite the most is the fact that
so many students today at CCSF are living proof of the
institution's goal for academic achievement. It's well
represented, as thousands have successfully transferred
to four-year universities, such as myself.
The Ocean campus for many decades have been the
basis for a foundation of education for at least tens of
thousands students, past and present. We now have the
opportunity to expand the dreams of thousands more. The
pros and cons over the issue of a permanent
Chinatown/North Beach facility has repeatedly been
mentioned.
I'm not going to go over all the arguments I
have been going over the entire night. We know about
how a centralized cite is more advantageous than several
fragmented locations. We know that the close proximity
of most of these students who live and use this campus
will apparently continue to take the bus or walk to the
campus. So the congestion issue of traffic and
commuters is highly exaggerated.
So the issue that I'm really concerned about
and I know this is a reflection of concerns about the
people, is the fact that while I attended a couple of
meetings here before, about two months ago, I remember
one of the independent contractors or somebody earlier
making a statement of the fact that basically the
government funds allocated for this project is actually
dwindling.
Every passing moment hastens the demise of the
project. We're actually losing, according to their
estimates, $6 million a month. Now, if you take into
consideration that I heard this comment made two months
ago, we lost about 10 percent of the real buying power
that's been allocated to the community district to build
this, to make this Chinatown CNB project.
The other concern I have is this. That it's
been my understanding, as well as some others, that part
of the delays is, has been anchored to, that some of the
Board of Trustees actually have concerns over this
issue. However, it's not clear to me as to what those
concerns are. If these items are not addressed, then we
as a society would have you, the terrible failed, to
support the principles under which this institution
highly espouses its very own mission statement. Thank

you very much.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Jin Niu Li followed by Alex
Ku.
MR. LI: My name is Jin Niu Li, J-i-n, N-i-u,
L-i.
I am representing the members of the Portsmouth
Square Association. Firstly, we fully support the
building on the 16-story campus, which will have
benefits of the economies of the communities and also
would enhance our status. And also, we'll have enhance
the educational equality for community members.
It also will set up more opportunities for
workers that are working in the communities to take
classes in English and hotel management and things like
that so that we have an opportunity to get into the
mainstream society.
So the Board should look at us from the
viewpoint of the residents. The issues like shadowings,
according to the report, are insignificant.
I think the 16-story plans is the best plans
that can meet the needs of the community. So if we are
being manipulated by the special interests groups and we
make a wrong decision, we will be sinners.
So if you approve the 16-story plans, all the
community members will benefit. So lastly, no further
delay on these projects. There should be no further
delays for this project. And we hope that the Chinatown
campus can be built as soon as possible. So listen to
our voice and make a right decision fast.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Alex Ku followed by Clifford
Waldeck. Alex Ku first.

So Alex Ku is not here.

MR. WALDECK: W-a-l-d-e-c-k. I am Clifford
Waldeck. I own a small business near the proposed site,
and I am concerned about the tower and the impact it
will have on our historic Jackson Square and Chinatown
districts.

This tower is simply out of proportion and will
permanently harm the Chinatown and Jackson Square
historic districts. As is said on page IES 7 of this
summary, "The project will change the visual settings,
significant adverse impact on visual quality. This is
considered significant and unavoidable." We are San
Francisco. We want to do things well.

We don't need another high-rise creeping into
our neighborhood. That's why the planning department
has height restrictions. Why does City College think it
can do whatever it wants and destroy the beauty of our
neighborhoods?

City College has always claimed it cannot build

in Chinatown for lack of land. They now own three
parcels on the same block. So why not just build a few
smaller buildings? That's right, they're all on the
same block.

You've heard from Heller Mannes that a
two-building solution is less expensive and can be built
faster. I urge you to do a cost study to compare the
cost.

And why is this campus the only one in
California that has 17 stories? Also, board members, I
encourage you to ask for a full accounting of the
taxpayer dollars spent on promoting this project.

In conclusion, I'm all for a new permanent
campus in Chinatown and North Beach, but we deserve and
need a better plan: A plan that respects the unique
historical character of our Jackson Square, North Beach,
and Chinatown districts. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Gentlemen.

MR. WEN: My name is Chan Wen.

I am a member of the Portsmouth Center Square
Association and the Chinatown campus center to the
immigrants, the past immigrants, current immigrants, and
also the future immigrants, the Chinatown campus center
can benefit them. And now with the funding of the
government, and also with our abilities of the land, and
we should not miss this opportunity.
Now you have the money, you have the site, and also the EIR has been released. So why does minority or special interest or few individuals, that this project is going to be obstructed. So you have the alternative, the purpose of which is just to delay the construction. Everybody can tell once the Chinatown campus is constructed it will bring possibilities to the community. Some people, they are just too picky. So they use all this excuse, like traffic issues or parking issues, to try to obstruct the project.
I was a student at City College myself and most of the students, very few of them drive to school. So you can do a survey and you can tell only very, very few people drive to school. So the traffic problem is not a problem.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Time's up.
MR. WEN: So we should take action immediately so any delay would cost.
CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you.
MR. WEN: So we are united, and we will march and encourage the 16-story building be built.
CHANCELLOR DAY: Wong Kasing. Dan Lieberman is next.
MR. KASING: W-o-n-g, K-a-s-i-n-g.

First, my concern: Is this project planning is doing in secret? So if it's not, the plan was not planned secretly, it takes time to get this process going on. So it is rather strange that now there's opposition to this project at this time.
So my concern is that the opposing party, have they ever been, make the proposal or make the comments to City College before this time? And also, will the 16-story building make the land sink? Is it because of this structure or concern there is opposition?
Well, I consider it's the right to try to utilize every space in Chinatown because we don't have much land here. Now, if now we have two lots, then we consider one lot to build a 16-story building and save other lots for another center development.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you.
MR. KASING: So like the power was off several times this evening. In the nearby area, are there not buildings that are higher than the Chinatown campus?
CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you, Mr. Wong. We have to terminate it at this point. Thank you very much.
Dan Lieberman is next, followed by Jenny Liu, followed by Isabel Huie, Cary Fong, and Lon Dai Chang.
Dan Lieberman, are you here? Gone.
Jenny Liu. And I will remind you, Ms. Liu,
three minutes. You've been with us before. I know you 
well.

MS. LIU: I really would like to thank you, the 
Board of Trustees, a very hard-working court reporter 
and translator. I'm so glad you are able to come down 
here, because I think it might seem to you that people 
are not addressing exactly the issues in environmental 
law or the EIR. But they're really speaking to, they 
want you to understand the environment of which we are 
in.

When people are talking about their traffic 
impact and how it impacts their business, and so forth, 
how many people out of over 100 people that came today 
that go to the school that live in this community do you 
think have private cars?

When they talk about traffic congestion and the 
lack of parking, whose cars do you think to let 
Portsmouth Square, St. Mary's Square, all the office 
bUILDINGS AND THE GARAGES DOWNTOWN? Do you think it's 
their cars?

When you're talking about view blockage, and we 
talk about the good old days of the Gold Rush era. 
Kearny Street was the waterfront. Where are our view 
blockages? Where did all those buildings come from?

And when people talk about how crowded we are,

and we don't need more crowding, and that we want 
seismic safety of the community, what happened when we 
tried to address, there are three- to four-story 
buildings in Chinatown, 75 percent are in that housing 
stock. Do they know the standard of that housing stock? 
They're 8-by-10 single-room-occupancy buildings, where 
people share bathrooms and kitchens.

What we're trying to tell you is, we have a 
case of environmental racism, environmental 
discrimination. When we try to improve our environment 
and our quality of life, like Lady Shaw Housing, 
International Hotel elderly housing, and now the 
community college, people threaten us with suits and 
tell us how they're going to save us from environmental 
impact.

So now you have an alternative plan, and I said 
to you, and I wrote a letter to you, that is not an 
alternative plan, because it does not work. They have 
an alternative plan for a seven-story, seven-story, that 
goes all the way to their property line. It increases 
shadow on Portsmouth Square. It is a larger shadow. It 
goes straight up, with no setbacks. It increases wind 
impact. It has over 50 parking in it, which is not only 
against the public transit policy, first, of the City, 
but also will encourage more people to drive, and more
congestion. Now, I really seriously believe you want to build this, and you do not want this to get caught up in a suit, but I want you to know, Mae Liu (phonetic) was sued, Lady Shaw was sued, the I-Hotel was sued and this is going to be sued. And it never stopped us. Don't let it stop you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: The next person after Ms. Huie, Isabel Huie, is Cary Fong. So if you're here, thank you.

MS. HUIE: My name is Isabel Huie, I-s-a-b-e-l, H-u-i-e, and I am representing Attorney Claudine Cheng, C-h-e-n-g.

She is the past national president of OCA, a long-time active community leader in the Chinese community as well as many other city-wide nonprofit organizations.

Claudine is attending a convention in Sacramento but would like to make sure that her statement is on record. And I read the following:

"Over the past 20 years there has not been too many issues that were able to galvanize the community like this proposed City College campus. As a longtime activist, having served on many community boards, as well as a 20-year resident of northeast waterfront, I feel strongly that the time has come for the City College of San Francisco to have a campus in a proposed location which will serve community needs of residents in both Chinatown as well as the northeast part of the city.

With reference to the findings of the Draft EIR, you will hear diverse opinions about the height and other physical details of the proposed building. I urge you to listen to the public opinions expressed and make a sensible decision that will not only advance the educational objectives of City College but, most importantly, a decision that will truly reflect the wish of the majority in the community.

Lastly, I urge you to adopt a decision that will not cause further delay in the process, which will impact the availability of funding for this significant project, one that is already long overdue."

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you. The next speaker after Fong. After Mr. Fong is Lon Dai Chang. So if you could be ready, we would appreciate it.

MR. FONG: Cary Fong; C-a-r-y, F-o-n-g.

Madam President and all the Trustees, thank you for your patience and coming down to Chinatown. And thank you for providing us with a Chinese translator. I myself do not speak Chinese. My father was
born in China and he made a conscious decision when we were young that he would only raise us speaking in English. And the reason being was, he came to this country when he was 13 and there was no ESL, and he wanted us not to have an accent, because he wanted us to adapt to this country and assimilate. So it's also educational for me to hear the passion that you have these monolingual speakers coming forward. Because those are the stories of my father.

I just want to talk about a concept, and it probably has its roots in San Francisco. It's a concept called NIMBY, not in my neighborhood, and it probably goes back to the '60s, when the planners said, "Let's extend the Embarcadero freeway, and cut through Bay Street, and hook up with the Golden Gate Bridge, and let's have freeways go through the Panhandle." And San Franciscans rose up and said, "Not in my neighborhood," and you do not have freeways.

So as San Francisco came up with this concept, it's really odd. I think there's a new concept being born in San Francisco, and it's really, it's called, "Not in your neighborhood." Because what I was struck by was the opposition, if you look at their support group, they only have one Chinese organization.

And when you look at the EIR, it's called the Chinatown/North Beach campus, and the community that's being, that's going to get the brunt of these economic, these environmental impacts is Chinatown. So why do we have all of these organizations outside of Chinatown telling Chinatown what's best for them? And the answer is, economic racism. When the powers that be, the owners of the Hilton, can get a state senator to threaten to hold up state funding, and when they can get the mayor to try to intervene and cut a deal, and they can get the Chronicle to write an editorial to make all these problems go away, that's economic racism.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you, Mr. Wong.

Lon Dai Chang? Linda Wang?

MS. WANG: I think we're about to have a congregate yawn. It's so late in the night. Thank you for sticking it out. I am Linda Wang, W-a-n-g.

I would like to actually speak to the EIR.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you.

MS. WANG: I heard a faculty member of City College state that there was a possibility that a survey of students might have been misunderstood. Do you recall that?

CHANCELLOR DAY: Yes.
MS. WANG: That survey, as I heard it, was a survey asking the students where they came from prior to coming to class and where they were going to after class. If you review that survey, and if there is any possibility that the students misunderstood, I would urge you to conduct that survey again. Because you are basing your impacts, in part, your discussion of impacts in part on the results of that survey.

If that survey was not accurate, then your impact discussion is faulty and would subject you to criticism, if not worse.

Secondly, I would like to urge you, even though you're not obligated to do this, I understand, to look to project the future need for this campus. It would be a total embarrassment if two years, three years down the road, after the campus opens, if you find that you are at capacity.

Many people have been praising City College because it is so accessible, and they hear about the credit courses that you will be able to offer. You are going to draw more people. So I would urge you, even though you might not be obligated to, to please take a look at projected need for the future.

Thirdly, I'd like to talk about preservation.

In the many comments that I have heard about preservation of Chinatown, the talk is about preserving buildings. Preserving the character of Chinatown is not just preserving buildings. Chinatown's primary character is that it is a living community. It is demonstrating its life by signing petitions supporting a 16-story campus.

Fifteen thousand signatures and rising; it demonstrates it's alive by 100 community organizations supporting a 16-story campus. These are not bogus organizations; these are family associations, district associations, other community organizations; churches. I would urge the trustees to hold fast to your public trust. That public trust is not to mollify the Hilton Hotel. That public trust is education first for our community.

CHANCELLOR DAY: The next speaker is Lorraine Chew, C-h-e-w; Agnes Chan is after Ms. Chew. Bennong Li after that individual, Victor Seeto and Shirley Chang.

MS. CHEW: Thank you. My name is Lorraine Chew. Currently I am associate dean of the College of Studies at San Francisco State. Actually, you've heard it all, and I want to truly echo what Jenny has said. I think she has said a lot in terms of what our community consistently has to go through in terms of getting services and what we deserve. Always people telling us
what we need and what we should have.
I don't know what happened to the concept of
self-determination, but definitely it is not something
that is embraced by others of how we want to carry out
our task and our will in our community.
I'm here today to, again, like everyone has
said, the majority of people have said, to urge you to
construct this permanent site in Chinatown, City College
site in Chinatown, the 16-story one. Because people
misunderstand.
As someone who is in education, there has been
countless research and substantial research that
supports the fact that parents, particularly immigrant
parents, who are educated on how our system works in
this country, with increased language skills, are better
informed, productive, participatory parents in their
children's education.
And the results are, with parents being more
informed and more educated and with more language
skills, particularly in English, is that there are less
dropout rates for students; there are more informed
decision making in terms of parents, as to how students
can go to college. And they are more informed in terms
of how to get assistance for their students to complete
college.

I really would encourage this Board to go
forward with not how not to do this but to look really
and truly as to how to make this happen.
All the suggestions tonight really points to
the fact that there are many exciting programs that can
happen at this site. I would be most encouraged to see
further collaboration between a place like San Francisco
State University and the community college, in terms of
promoting classes in community service, learning in
community leadership. But most of all, I think when you
make this decision to build a 16-story building and
permanent site, you are sending a message to the
community and the communities at large that we want to
invest in the social capital of all the students that
come to this site.
What's amazing to me, as a student activist 40
years ago, when I came to this auditorium as a student,
raising issues about ESL for K-12 education, tonight I
see these people learn and demonstrate and practice what
democracy is. And then my only hope for this Board is
that you do them justice by making the decision that is
their wealth and their future.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you very much. Agnes
Chan, followed by Bennong Li.
MS. CHAN: My name is Agnes Chan, C-h-a-n, and
I will be translating for myself. That will be more efficient. I'm a faculty member teaching in the ESL department at Chinatown/North Beach for 25 years. And before that, I was also very involved in searching for a site for the Chinatown/North Beach campus, which was 30 years ago. I worked with Frances Lee, and we secured the 940 Filbert Street site.

And I also was involved in the community for a long time. I was there fighting against the eviction of the International Hotel. I was there fighting against the building of the Holiday Inn. And talking about shadows, I was very involved in the renovation of the children's playground, the second-level part of the Portsmouth Square. And there we were seriously talking about shadows.

So I would like to talk about two things today. One is, I would like to rebut some of the points raised by the opposition. And secondly, if I have time, I would like to give you some life stories of the students in my classes in the last few semesters.

In terms of rebuttal, some of the opposition points.

Earthquake and fire safety. We got Filbert Street because the Hancock Elementary School was not, and is not still, earthquake safe. And that is why the Unified School District closed it down for K-to-6 children. So it is not safe for young children, but we took it over and it is safe, I guess, for adults like me and my students.

We thought it would be a short stint of a few years, and it turned out to be 30 years.

If we talk about fire safety, you met at 888 today, earlier, Clay Street, and you saw that three-foot stairway, and I always have this bad dream of a fire. It's a death trap, of 200 and 300 students going down that narrow stairway.

So I really hope that our new building will be built with urgency and move ahead before I die in the next Loma Prieta earthquake and before I get burned at 888 Clay.

In terms of public transportation, I for one will not be driving. I live in the East Bay. And now I have to drive because after BART, I have to transfer to number 41 to go to Filbert. And as everybody knows, number 41 only runs at rush hour in the morning and in the evening, and it's very erratic.

That's three minutes?

CHANCELLOR DAY: That's it.

MS. CHAN: Okay. Can I just tell you the story
of one student?

CHANCELLOR DAY: Very quickly.

MS. CHANG: Very quickly. This student came to me, she was a waitress. She lived in Chinatown, in a residential hotel. She came to me at 8:00 o'clock, went to work a lunch shift, and then she went to a 3:00 o'clock class and went to work at the dinner shift, putting in 42 hours a week of work.

She transferred to credit. But recently she said she can no longer do the credit work because Ocean campus is way too far for her. I'm done.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Bennong Li. B-e-n-n-o-n-g. MR. LI. My name is Bennong Li, B-e-n-n-o-n-g. The 16-story plan is the best plan, and I fully support 16-story plan. And on behalf of my five members of the family, my whole family support the 16-story plan.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Victor Seeto is next, followed by Shirley Chang, followed by Fan Ru Ning.

MR. SEETO: My name is Victor Seeto, S-e-e-t-o, and I represent the Chinese-American Democratic Club. There has been many individuals that have spoken, and I think that I represent a community organization that's been in existence for 49 years.

Our club -- I don't have any prepared statement, because our club made its final decision just today, a vote; a unanimous vote of our executive committee supports the 16-story proposal.

But coming late to this controversy, we're able to actually have a process. Monday night we met for over three and a half hours, and with representatives of the main proposal and the alternative proposal, we met; we had a proposal, we had the presentation by Eric Lindquist from Heller Mannes, who presented us with charts and floor plans, and drawings.

I think that the trustees may be tempted to choose an alternative. These are a great temptation. Heller Mannes is a very reputable firm. There are some defects in it that I would like to point out.

The parking is an illusion; it's below sea level. And St. Mary's, who built the parking garage, it cost them over $200,000 per stall. And I think that it will break the bank if the proposed parking, which is apparently going to be three stories or three levels, is going to be implemented.

The proposed proposal by Heller Mannes is, fills up very close to the parking line, and even though their proposal is 7 stories as opposed to 16 stories, it casts a greater shadow on Portsmouth Square.

Heller Mannes' proposal suggests greater space efficiency. They propose four elevators, and it's our
impression that that's debatable, that you may need more.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Seeto, I'm going to have to ask you. This evening is not about the Heller Mannes plan. It's about the EIR draft report, and I would like to see if you would be able to wrap it up with some just relevant comments to that agenda, please. Thank you.

MR. SEETO: I think I'll have -- our committee came to a unanimous decision, and everyone spoke and voted and was unanimous. And I can tell you my personal reasons for supporting it.

First is historical reasons. This project is in a line, over a 30-year period, in my experience of being a community activist, of having neighbors objecting for environmental purposes. This pattern is a plague upon Chinatown. It always comes up whenever there is.

And second is, I support it because of the depth, authenticity, and commitment of supporters who are volunteers, unpaid volunteers, as opposed to the people who came who are paid lobbyists.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you. Ms. Shirley Chang.

She's gone.

Fan Ru Ning? Jose Ricondo Bondac?

Chi Kin Wong?

...
When I look at three-by-three trustees, I been supporting you guys for quite a few years, and I am looking forward to when you going up the higher staff, I will continue to support all you ladies and gentlemen.

I heard so much about preservation of the old Chinatown and other communities. Gentlemen, the City have a preservation commission. Let them do their work. And President Paskin, he been only in the board of supervisor for seven years. I think he make the record of preserving in North Beach of the most historical buildings. And if you WANT to preserve some buildings or streets or parks, whatever, please talk to President Paskin.

And I have so much concern about parking, about Muni. We have a parking and traffic department. We also have a Muni. The Muni carries one million passengers in and out, and within the city, a day. I'm going to be quick. And we are better streetcars, clean-feel streetcar, and more comfort to the transportation. So it will take the students, come to school and go to work, or go home, whatever, and our city is public transportation, first priority.

I urge the whole board will finish construction of this 16-story building and students will be your number one on priority.

Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: One more speaker, please. You will have to give your full name.

MS. HSIEH: Thank you for the opportunity. My name is France Hsieh, F-r-a-n-c-e, last name H-s-i-e-h.

Thank you guys so much for your patience. I'm going to speak specifically to a couple of items on the DEIR that I think we have to look a little bit more into detail.

One is that the college draft DEIR really did not explore any real alternatives that will both have smaller buildings and a smaller scale but actually meet the student needs and educational needs.

Everybody, everybody has said, Chinatown/North Beach there's some of the most crowdest communities and dense communities in the city. And the height and the bulk of this building will have a significant impact. And not only that, building such a large building will kind of set a precedent for more high-rises encroaching on Chinatown, and that is certainly something that should have been studied more. That is something that the DEIR should have looked at.

And I have to also wonder if any alternatives that you studied, whether there was a study of a
no-shadow alternative.

Second issue, again, is going to look at the traffic and parking. And as we heard from a lot of teachers and counselors tonight, it looks like the surveys that were done were of the students that were currently using the Filbert campus. Those same teachers and counselors also talked about wanting to increase not only the programs, but credit and non-credit that are going to be offered at the new campus, but also diversifying the community that was going to be coming to the new campus.

And I have to, if you look at the DEIR, it doesn't take that into consideration, and having that many more new students that were unanticipated, that are not part of the current campus, will certainly change traffic patterns and the Muni use patterns.

And not only that, the DEIR didn't mention the 200 spots that you would be taking away from Chinatown with this new building; 150 that are the current parking lot that you would be building on, and the extra 50 that you would be renting for the faculty over at St. Mary's. So you're effectively taking away 200 parking spots.

So I don't think these are issues of racism. I think that's a distraction. I think we need to look at the real issues, and the real concerns, and the problems that we have, and not have a huge inappropriate building come into the neighborhood. And let's look at these real issues. Thank you.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Natasha Su Yen.

MS. SU YEN: Dear Board of Trustees, and everybody. I have been sitting here for six hours. There are so many people supporting the 16-story project, so I'm not going to consider to mention about the professional comments and data.

I want to say something about our teachers and students. I am a student at Filbert Street City College. Well, maybe I'm not a very qualified person to speak at this hearing, because I attend City College only for one semester. But I have seen a lot of, and been very touched, so I want to mention three things.

All the students, they want to have opportunity to learn.

And the teachers are very professional and very patient, so they can teach the students.

Well, I used to be a Mandarin teacher before I came to the United States. So as a former teacher, and also as a student, I consider I can feel very deeply, speaking to this issue.

So you must be very tired. It has been so many hours. So I want to extend an invitation to you, to
invite all the Board of Trustees, it will be my honor, passion. So I invite Board members to come to our Filbert Street campus. I will prepare seven lunches for seven board members. But you may need to wait for a long time before you can use the microwave.

After lunch I will provide tea, and you need to go to the bathroom after you drink tea. So you may have to wait like half an hour before you can go to the bathroom. So by the time you leave you may notice there is some handicap center students. With the help of people, they are trying to hand them step by step.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you.

MS. YEN: And also we have the 92-year-old student coming to the class. I know as board members you have an important job. So I believe you have already make up your decisions how to vote. So thank you for this opportunity. Actually, I am representing 200 students from four classes to speak. Thank you very much.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Richard Bondo.

MR. BONDO: Something that seems very wrong about the plan is that it's reliant on too many things that aren't there yet. For instance, we keep going around the issue that with public transportation, the 7,000 students at the new campus would be easily able to get back and forth to the campus.

But just looking at the current T Muni line, or the current expansion plan of BART to SFO, or its plans to go all the way to San Jose, does anyone realistically think that everything in public transportation would be easily met, in a smooth fashion?

Also, it's great to have, we're talking about the effect on Chinatown, but we seem to be forgetting that this is not just a Chinatown campus. This is also a North Beach/Telegraph Hill campus.

Why haven't we seen or heard people from those neighborhoods being represented? In fact, many of the residents in North Beach and also the Telegraph area have openly said that they haven't received the copy of the Draft EIR that was supposed to be sent to them on this issue. Shouldn't they also have a stake in this issue?

CHANCELLOR DAY: Thank you. I think this might be the last card. Calvin Pong.

MR. PONG: I mention last time every plan center has its effects. But we need to look at the big picture. So we know that the 16-story plan is almost the best.

All the time has been spent in preparing this report. So why nobody raise any objection or comments
during the course of the preparation and until today? Now is the time to take action. If we are not going to implement this plan, this plan will be a failure. It will be a bomb. Because if you have objections now, and instead you are going to have discussion, and after that, when you have another plan and there's other objections, this will continue endlessly.

So I urge you, as united officials of all the people, take action to get this plan passed.

CHANCELLOR DAY: Mr. Pilpel.

MR. PILPEL: David Pilpel, P-i-l-p-e-l. Just want to speak very briefly with regard to the project need and description in sections 1 and 2.

Actually, I believe that the introduction in section 5 regarding discussion of the alternatives is actually quite helpful. I found that very useful. But as to sections 1 and 2 in particular on the project description, there's a particular table on page 2-10 regarding the characteristics that discusses the required program number of rooms and spaces and the assignable square footage.

And it notes the source as EHDD, which I believe is the project architect. What's not clear is the actual source, other than the architect of those program needs.

I would suggest that the EIR be expanded to describe the basis for that program requirement in terms of program needs.

It may well be that the building as designed meets the needs, or meets as many of the needs as possible. It may also be that other alternatives might meet a reduced need, if in fact the number of program rooms and spaces were better described or dealt with in a different fashion.

If I have any additional comments I'll provide them in writing. Thank you very much.

CHANCELLOR DAY: That's it.

MS. GRIER: Before we adjourn, I just want to remind you that the board started their meeting at 3:00 o'clock and we met until 6:00 o'clock, and then we started with the public hearing on the draft of the EIR, or the DEIR.

And so it's about 11:45, 11:50, so we've been meeting for five hours and 45 minutes beyond the three hours. And it was important. It was important to hear what everyone had to say.

And I really want to thank all of you for your comments.

I would like to also thank my colleagues for
their role in this, and unless there's a burning issue
or there's something that you must say, I'm going to
conclude and say good night for the public hearing.
Good night.
(Whereupon, the proceedings adjourned at 11:50 p.m.)

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