

\* Mayor Robert Garcia, City Council Members and The City: (City Council Meeting)  
15 Dec. 2015

• Re.: Hearing #1 Proposed New Civic Center Project

- \* This past year new technologies and innovations hit the market in artificial intelligence, robotics, augmented reality and 3-D printing spaces that could pave the way for a major shift in society, today and tomorrow.
- \* The City of Long Beach's proposed planned New Civic Center Project will be awesome, while surely reflecting The City's present and future needs.
- \* I believe the new City Council Chambers needs companion seats, the same style provided in the "regular seating" area, installed in the wheelchair or mobility device seating section(s). Why? This will prevent the appearance of isolated seating, as well as, provide comfortable and supportive seats, certainly better than portable chairs. Surely, companion seats benefit caregivers and persons with disabilities who "ambulate" by using a cane, crutches, walker, segway; who have hidden disabilities and who are visually impaired; or, blind.
- \* I believe in regards to the new Civic Center's proposed playground which will have<sup>a</sup> universal design; that is, will be ADA compliant, an inclusive playground for children with disabilities to play along with "typically-abled" children is most ideally needed. Sensory-rich structures encourage healing in children with developmental disabilities; such as, Autism, Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy. A few examples of inclusive play equipment are bridges, climbers, high back swings, ramps, rubberized surfaces,<sup>a</sup> sensory wall and talk tubes.
- \* I believe transport chairs and the provision of at least one elevator which operates in a manual mode during emergencies in the proposed building for the Port of L.B.'s headquarters, residential and retail is essential

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Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Emily Dawson Harris

I believe a legitimate concern regarding the proposed New Library not having an auditorium exists. The Main library is known for its special events on Saturday; such as, showing movies, piano recitals, concerts, special programs or lectures; such as, the Black Authors Festival.

The Library has a piano. Saturday special library events are essential for families, patrons and the community; LB residents and visitors. If the City Council does not approve an auditorium for the new library; then, a written proto-

cal or procedure which guarantees the Main Library to be able to provide special programs, events, lectures, etc. on Saturdays in the City Council Chamber's auditorium. It also needs to be stipulated that the Main Library has first rights to the usage of the City Council Chamber's auditorium on Saturday. How will any event or program on Monday through Friday be handled if needed by the Main Library?

\* P.S. There should be no cost or fee for usage of the City Council Chamber for library events.

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Our Vision: Fostering a bias-free world for children with disabilities  
Our Mission: Creating social inclusion for children with disabilities through the vehicle of inclusive playgrounds and programs

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