

On Oct 26, 2015, at 1:25 PM, Ronald Brown <rbrown221@att.net> wrote:

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Attn: Cathedral City Council

Mayor Stan Henry, Mayor Pro-Tem Gregory S. Pettis, Council Members John Aguilar,

Shelley Kaplan, Mark Carnevale

RE: Response to the Disposition of Old Community / Senior Center Building

Dear City Council,

My Name is Ronald Brown, and I am on the dance faculty of the Cathedral City Dance Program Center for Dance Education. I am writing this letter in response to the demolition of the community Center slated for Spring 2015.

I would first like to share some insight on the invaluable contributions and accomplishments that Ms. Kimera Lewis and The Dance Program has shaped for our community in the past sixteen years. I have served on the faculty for six years and I can attest that our dance program has provided a safe haven for our students to apply what they have learned through dance to learning challenges across other subject areas. Our program presents opportunities and challenges for our students to maintain physical and emotional health while developing their artistic dance skills. With the leadership of our faculty, our students learn how to develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career goals.

Our program has endured a prosperous longevity at this location where as many other surrounding studios have closed their doors, and I believe it is because of our impeccable reputation in serving the community. Our studio has organized fundraisers for various charitable causes, and maintains two performing companies that has performed for school lecture demonstrations, and has been selected to perform at professional venues such as Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, and the McCallum Theater Choreography Festival to name a few.

The reality of your agenda is inevitable. As is stated, the demolition is to take place in Spring 2016. This letter is to petition for a later date for demolition. The reason being, in Spring, we are heavily engaged in preparing for the yearly Dance Concert in June, then followed by the Summer Dance Camp Intensives that end in mid-August. Given the fact that the City Council has not suggested or provided assistance in the relocation of our dance program, it would seem most proper pending the scheduled demolition date to revisit this date allowing some flexibility to accommodate our request to remain until August. We would be most gracious in allowing our program to complete its full term. Our dance program provides a worthy service to the community, and with your assistance, we can continue to do so.

Sincerely, Ronald Brown, Cathedral City Dance Program Dance Faculty