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Request to Newark City Council to Reopen Public Comment

Dear Mayor Smith and Newark City Council Members,

We request that the Newark City Council reopen public comment on Item E.14 all items dealing with the Areas 3 and 4 Specific Plan. We make this request due to the fact that:

- Members of public did not have all of the meeting materials in advance of the meeting. Only the meeting agenda and resolution and ordinance were available on June 18. The staff report and revised development agreement were not noted on the City website at the time of the June 24 meeting.
- Staff mentioned items at the June 24 meeting that the public has never had an opportunity to view nor knew existed until during the meeting.
- No materials regarding staff review and analysis of letters submitted on June 24th have been made available to the public.
- Members of the public were unable to present their information to the City Council.
- Members of the public were held on the 1st Floor due to room capacity issues.
- Members of the public who were downstairs were unable to view the proceedings of the meeting with the exception of those who were taken to the 1st Floor conference room with a room capacity of 10.
- Members of public should not be discouraged from participating in local government.
- The Areas 3 and 4 Specific Plan will have long lasting ramifications for the City of Newark and the region.

In the spirit of good government and open communication we request the Newark City Council defer action on this item to allow all members of the public to review all the latest project documents, agreements, ordinances, resolutions and recent changes to the above materials and agendize a continuation of the public hearing at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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