



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

March 21, 2019

Re: Cortez Hill Family Center

Dear Mayor Faulconer and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC). At our regular meeting on March 20, 2019 we were briefed on the situation at the Cortez Hill Family Center (CHFC) by our Social Issues Chair, Monica Ball, and a member of the DCPC who toured the center recently. The conditions are clearly unacceptable for adults and dangerous for children.

The DCPC, quite frankly, was disgusted with the deterioration of this valuable asset, and voted to authorize me to send a letter to you expressing great concern and desire for this to be resolved immediately.

As I am sure you read in the UT article last Saturday, the CHFC is an important City asset and a critical resource for families in need which should be fully utilized. We understand, despite a significant waiting list, Alpha Project is not moving new residents in due to the condition of the units.

At this time, we are not interested in how the CHFC got this way, the forensics can be addressed later. Though Chris Ward's office and others have been working on this issue for the last month, there have been no funds committed for the needed repairs nor a concise plan of action.

Please quickly find the funds and direct the appropriate department to bring the Cortez Hill Family Center to a habitable state so it can be fully occupied by families who desperately need a safe place to stay while they get on their feet.

Please address this issue immediately!

Regards,

Pat Stark
DCPC Chair