



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

June 19, 2019

Re: AB 1164 (Gloria) DCPC Support

Dear Assemblymember Gloria,

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC). At our regular meeting on May 15, 2019 our board resolved to write this letter in support of AB 1164 as it relates to allowing the Director of General Services (DGS) to start the disposal process of the Downtown San Diego State Building(s) and Garage.

As you know, the DCPC is the Community Planning Group responsible for Downtown San Diego and has a vested interest in developing to its' fullest potential. Downtown San Diego has and continues to develop and the property we are writing about today is prime real estate for development of affordable housing. The DCPC voted unanimously to support AB 1164.

The State of California inefficiently occupies two city blocks in Downtown San Diego. The Downtown San Diego State Building is in poor condition and its occupants have a desire to move out. However, there is a formal process that needs to be undergone for the state to be able to do something about it. Once a state-owned property is identified as underutilized, DGS can dispose of the property by first determining if there is another state use for it. If there is no state use, then DGS includes the property in a surplus bill, which upon enactment allows DGS to dispose of the property by sale, lease, exchange, or other manner of disposition as authorized by the legislature.

Enacting this legislation will provide the opportunity for local governmental and affordable housing agencies to express their interest in obtaining the property. The two city blocks that this property takes up in Downtown San Diego could be put to better use. The building has been in terrible condition for too long and San Diego cannot wait any longer for something to be done about it. This space is valuable and has tremendous potential, but it cannot be acted upon by DGS without this crucial legislation.

Regards,

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DCPC Chair