



Dear Arcadian:

We are proud to announce that the Arcadia Firefighters Association, representing all Arcadia Firefighters and Paramedics, has voted to officially endorse Caruso Affiliated's proposed development in Arcadia — The Shops at Santa Anita.

Rest assured, it is not easy to gain our support – we are a tough crowd to please. Our interests are your interests. However, after a thorough review of the Environmental Impact Report, we believe that the project is clearly in the best interest of Arcadia, deserves all our support, and should be approved.

The benefits of this project to our community are many. One of the most important benefits is the improved traffic flow. Caruso Affiliated is spending millions of dollars of their own money to update and improve our outdated traffic systems. As you know, every second counts when responding to an emergency, and our firefighters and paramedics will be able to do their job better when Arcadia's traffic is moving more smoothly.

The Shops at Santa Anita will also add \$2.2 million dollars in revenue to the city each year, giving the City more resources to pay for things important to all of us — public safety, parks, libraries, and better streets. It could allow the city to increase firefighter and paramedic staffing, assist the city in purchasing new equipment, and help us in responding to you.

The project will also ensure the long-term viability of Santa Anita Park, so this cherished landmark and great contributor to our City will continue as a vital part of Arcadia.

Caruso Affiliated has worked with the Arcadia community. They listened to our concerns, and incorporated feedback from us and the community into their plan. Based directly on community input, they removed housing from the project, added a Community Performing Arts Theater, and even donated space to the Arcadia School District.

Caruso Affiliated and their project, The Shops at Santa Anita, is exactly the type of neighbor we want in Arcadia. I urge you to join your Arcadia firefighters and paramedics in supporting The Shops at Santa Anita.

Sincerely,

John Twitchell, President
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