
RANCHO SANTA ANITA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 662013 Arcadia, CA 91066



January 15, 2007

Mr. William Kelly
City Manager
City of Arcadia
240 W. Huntington Dr.
Arcadia, CA 91066

Dear Mr Kelly:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Rancho Santa Anita Residents Association, it is my pleasure to inform you that we have voted in favor of supporting the proposal to build The Shops at Santa Anita in our community.

Our Association includes homeowners and residents who live in Arcadia's Lower Rancho and College Streets. The Shops at Santa Anita will be in our backyard, and we are convinced that it will not only help ensure that Santa Anita Park is a premiere destination for many years to come; it will also create a much needed "town center" in the heart of Arcadia.

To help us make our decision, our Board carefully reviewed and discussed all aspects of the proposal. We attended presentations and had meetings with City Officials, Caruso Affiliated, The Westfield Group, City Leaders (Fire, Police and Chamber of Commerce) and our residents to learn more about the project and to provide suggestions. We are very pleased with the way that Caruso Affiliated has reached out to those of us who live in Arcadia and incorporated our input into the project. The removal of housing from the project and the addition of a performing arts theater, office space for the Arcadia School District, and a walking path around the water feature demonstrate Caruso Affiliated's commitment to working with us to meet our needs.

Because we live so close to Santa Anita Park, one of our biggest concerns was the additional traffic generated by the project. However, after reviewing the EIR and speaking with representatives of the City of Arcadia, Caruso Affiliated, and traffic consultant Sam Schwartz, we strongly believe that the only way to mitigate current and future traffic is to modernize our traffic system -- and Arcadia's best hope for doing that is by bringing The Shops at Santa Anita to our community.

We were also pleased to learn that the Arcadia Firefighters Association, the Arcadia Police Officers Association and the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce are all supporting The Shops at Santa Anita. As local residents, we want to ensure that major additions to our community will not negatively impact our public safety services. In fact, both the firefighters and police believe that the project will improve

public safety because it will require minimal service while bringing in millions in revenue for the City of Arcadia to fund critical services, such as police and fire.

We are looking forward to opening day at The Shops at Santa Anita.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Tomkins", written over a thin red vertical line.

Kevin Tomkins
President
Rancho Santa Anita Residents Association

cc: Hon. Roger Chandler
Hon. Mickey Segal
Hon. Peter Amundson
Hon. Robert Harbicht
Hon. John Wuo
Don Penman
Rick Caruso