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Date: November 17, 2014

To: Honorable Members of the Budget & Finance Committee

From: Christopher P. Espinosa, General Manager
El Pueblo Historical Monument

Subject: 2014-15 Sidewalk Repair Program – Adjacent to City Facilities
Council File No. 14-0163-S4

Thank you for including El Pueblo Historical Monument on the list of city facilities that will receive funding for sidewalk repair. The department strongly supports this action as the subject areas within the historic monument create a liability situation and impairs disability access.

The report notes that there is only one (1) sidewalk in need of rehabilitation. The department wishes to clarify that there are three (3) general sidewalk areas that need repair:

1. Spring Street - Northeast corner area, adjacent to El Pueblo Parking Lot #2. There are two locations that have substantial sidewalk damage due to ficus tree root intrusion.
2. Cesar Chavez Avenue – South side of the street, adjacent to El Pueblo Parking Lot #2. There are multiple locations that have substantial sidewalk damage due to ficus tree root intrusion. This sidewalk area is an important pedestrian connection from El Pueblo to Chinatown, as well as highly used to connect with local bus service.
3. Main Street – West side of the street, adjacent to El Pueblo Parking Lot # 2 and in front of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church. There are several distinct sidewalk areas that are damaged due to tree root intrusion.



The damaged sidewalks noted above are highly used by visitors and tourists on a regular basis. In addition, the sidewalk improvements will be coordinated with the developer Trammell Crow Company, which is the lead developer for the new \$130 million residential and commercial development taking place across the street from the proposed rehabilitation sites.

Thank you for your consideration.

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