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Please post to the Council file.

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On Wednesday, February 18, 2015 11:40 AM, Joyce Dillard <dillardjoyce@yahoo.com> wrote:

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On Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:38 PM, Joyce Dillard <dillardjoyce@yahoo.com> wrote:

We would like to address the RECORDS MANAGEMENT suggestion of the report.

The City does not have a control over its records to ensure the public of any type of transparency or accountability.

The Da Vinci fire proved that the City was not ready to handle a disaster on its own property.

We are concerned not only with the accessibility but the historic value of many records.

Department of Recreation and Parks RAP, with its responsibility for many municipal facilities and a custodian of historic records, do not even post most of their records online. Many of their significant BOARD REPORTS have no backup report filed at the time of the meeting or post the meeting.

Department of Building and Safety had files in the damaged Figueroa Plaza building.

In other words, the administrative records are weak.

The City maintains a CONTRACT database, but not all contracts are posted. RAP no longer posts their contracts on this website. The year 2005 was the last regular posting of some contracts.

We expect transparency and ask that this database encompass ALL the city departments for ALL contracts executed.

Historic Maps and other records are irreplaceable.

We suggest that the Innovation aspect of this committee consider the value of records maintenance and place records online, available to all. Open Data website needs to be applicable to the fiscal operational aspect of the city. Raw data has no meaning without application.

International Standards may not be applicable to the historic aspect of this City. We need systems that recognize and document growth since we are viewed as a sample city for the rest of the country and parts of the world. In other words, the City is a topic in itself, yet our records do not reflect that importance.

By Charter, the City Clerk has the responsibility for the records, but has not weighed in on the safekeeping of the records involved.

We understand that the RAP records were to be kept in a trailer and may now be at a warehouse in Vernon.

They should be in a vault under the control of the City-as should any department with records of any value.

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