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Subject: Vallco thoughts - as a private citizen

Hello, Mayor Paul

Just a few thoughts (as a private citizen) about Vallco .

1. Beauty.
 - a. Ground level attractiveness. This is important for both for retail and recreation.
 - b. Managing the mass of tall buildings. No one wants view or sunlight to be blocked, but there are ways to reduce the size of the upper stories of a tall building to make it more attractive.
2. Parks. The 30-acre living roof is okay, but smaller ground level parks are also important.
3. Relationships with neighbors. Pedestrian and bicycle access through the perimeter wall is vehemently opposed by some neighbors, but such access would serve the greater good.
Also, the neighbors will like it when there is something on the other side of the wall that's more attractive than a parking garage.
4. Youth mental health. I really appreciate your concern about youth mental health, and a well-designed Vallco can help.
 - a. Habitat for healthy youth socialization can help build social skills, reinforce self-esteem, etc.
 - b. Trees. More studies are showing that trees reduce stress - and even improve test scores.

Darcy, you always struck me as the consummate diplomat when I served with you on the Parks and Recreation commission. I know there are many concerns about Vallco, but it is my sincere hope that the ultimate project will

serve to help unite what has recently become a somewhat divided city.

Best, Geoff

Geoffrey Paulsen
private citizen

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