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ENHANCING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE PRIORITIES FOR 2010

The LIRA Quality of Life subcommittee developed the following prioritized list of Little Italy projects, for submission to San Diego's Center City Development Corporation, for 2010 and beyond:

NOISE

- Increase funding for:
 - Code compliance officers and enforcement of noise regulations;
 - Communications – to include getting the word out to residents and visitors of regulations and procedures for reporting noise violations, and posting “neighborhood quiet zone” signs.
- Advocate for swift implementation of the Quiet Zone project to reduce train noise.

PARKING

- Build the County Administration Center parking garage complex at Cedar & Kettner.
- Build a public parking structure as part of a mixed use project that includes public restrooms.
- Support a downtown residents parking permit program.

TRANSPORTATION

- Restart the downtown shuttle service linking Little Italy with destinations such as Lindbergh Field, Balboa Park, Petco Park, and the Gaslamp District.

TRAFFIC

- Adopt “traffic taming” techniques for Little Italy’s major traffic corridors. These techniques include:
 - Widening sidewalks;

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- Narrowing travel lanes with widened sidewalks, bike paths and parking spaces;
- Building “pop outs”;
 - Build the first pop out at the intersection in front of Washington Elementary School.

STREET SCAPES & OPEN SPACES

- Complete the Cedar Street Pedestrian Mall, funding the design and construction of a promenade from Pacific Highway to First Street. Features of this “Gateway to Little Italy” include:
 - Narrow traffic lanes;
 - Widened sidewalks;
 - Street trees;
 - Site furniture.
- Review the state of Little Italy’s other sidewalks – repair as needed and relocate SDG&E utility boxes.
- Support the North Embarcadero Vision Plan and the County Administration Center Parks project, to include:
 - A Little Italy community piazza at the foot of Grape Street;
 - Pedestrian connections from Little Italy to the CAC parks;
 - Extension of the Martin Luther King Jr. Promenade into Little Italy;
 - Pedestrian and bike paths.
- Build two neighborhood piazzas (pocket parks), e.g., India Street’s Piazza Basilone.
- Build an off-leash dog park along the railroad tracks.
- At Washington Elementary:
 - Refurbish Amici Park;
 - Build a sound wall along I-5;
 - Purchase property immediately north of the school for park construction (to include an off leash dog park).
- Build dedicated north-south and east-west bike paths through Little Italy.

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LAND USE

- As part of the Little Italy Neighborhood Plan, build a Community Center, attributes of which might include:
 - Facilities for community wide gatherings such as town hall meetings and theatrical productions;
 - Support to the Mercatto (farmers' market).
- Reclaim the Harborside School on Kettner – perhaps as part of the above Community Center.

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