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Dear Ms. Shearly:

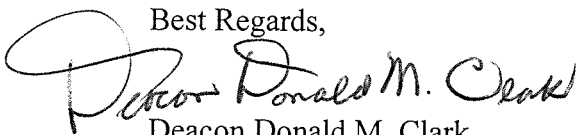
I've been commissioned by the Community Services Board along with its Co-Directorship of Bill Brawley and Gladys Jackson to respond to the form letter along with community forums that have been held all over the city during the last few years in regards of the 2030 Plan.

Based on observation since I have visited many community nonprofits and neighborhood associations throughout the city and county. Unavoidably, an assessment has been formulated that points out the lack of religious organizations in the oversight & delivery of neighborhood services for residents. Bottom line, there's a major disconnect with the whole drive of "Caring Neighborhoods." Candidly, something is wrong, with municipal services not being received by vulnerable populations. And something has to be done about this breakdown. Addressing the crisis and proclaiming a resolution should be part & parcel of the General Plan 2030.

First of all, there should be recognition by the City of Sacramento that in the older neighborhoods heavily populated by ethnic/minorities, and other low-income Americans, there are an abundance of churches that have been at the same location for at least 50 to 75 years in some cases. Why are these neighborhood based spiritual institutions being excluded from the process? How can a valid General Plan be put together without any community assets like denominational churches?

In search of justice, present and future citizens, Sacramento of all income levels, must commit, along with local municipal government, over the next quarter-of-a century, to advocate, a rise in the quality-of-life on an equal basis. And I'm sure that perennial problems like poverty and hunger will be rolled back? Strategically, does the current draft of the General Plan address how to handle housing & hunger issues that arise as a result of the national economy impacting on local stability, i.e., national foreclosures!

Best Regards,


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