

# LIRA

Little Italy  
Residents  
Association



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Mr. Kevin Faulconer  
Councilman  
City of San Diego  
202 C Street, MS #10A  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mr. Faulconer:

It has been brought to the attention of the Little Italy residents Association (LIRA) that the trolleys which have been purchased by the MTDB for the purpose of use along the "C" Street Corridor are longer than our downtown city blocks resulting in a multitude of potential obstacles for efficient system of transportation within the downtown area. Consequently, CCDC and the "C" Street Corridor Committee are studying and evaluating alternatives to this dilemma.

Unfortunately, several of the solutions being considered are unacceptable as they significantly compromise the pedestrian environment, traffic circulation or mass transit efficiency. There is a strong consensus within LIRA that the pedestrian as well as those on bicycles must be respected and considered carefully in the evaluations of the proposed solutions. In addition, we urge you to reject any proposal of "street closures" as this action would undoubtedly create additional congestion.

It is troubling that those in power have not made the insightful decisions necessary to create an effective mass transit system within our downtown area. At this point, creative and bold alternatives are necessary so that our present traffic congestion is not compounded exponentially by unnecessary or unwise compromises.

We are looking forward to participating in the planning and implementation of a mass transit system that enhances, rather than strangles the vibrancy of our urban core.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ken Cluskey  
President

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Nancy Graham, CCDC, President  
Mayor Jerry Sanders, City of San Diego