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Ms. Debra Guerrero
Community Development Advisory Committee
City of San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Re: Invitation for Bus Tour, July 16, 2009

Dear Ms. Guerrero:

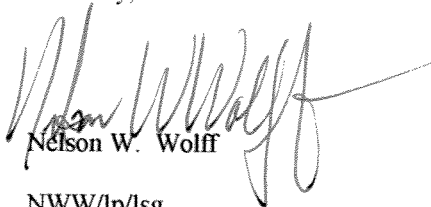
Transportation improvements, particularly transit investments, are a proven economic development strategy. In cities such as Little Rock and Tampa, the return on investment from building a streetcar line has been \$15 or more in new residential and commercial tax base for every dollar put into the line. San Antonio's central city offers great opportunities for the creation of higher-density neighborhoods near transit. Capturing just 5% of the area's total housing demand during the next decade—building about 1,000 units downtown each year—would be enough to create vibrant new places to live, shop, eat and work.

To get the best return on any public transit investment, we need local developers who are ready to build a product for our central city market. Bexar County, City of San Antonio and Urban Land Institute (ULI) representatives will take a tour of transit-oriented development in and around Austin, Texas on July 16. They will leave from the Forum on I-35 at 8:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m.; lunch is provided. There is no cost for the trip, which is generously underwritten through a grant from ULI. Space is limited, so please reply as soon as possible to Jan Contreras at 824-9080 or jcontreras@cross-co.com.

On July 30, you are also welcome to join local designers, architects and developers as they spend the afternoon analyzing and planning for the reuse of several types of potential redevelopment sites. Informed by the successful projects we'll see on the 16th, three teams will propose solutions for typical transit-oriented developments on central city and suburban sites in San Antonio. Their proposals will be featured at the City of San Antonio/ULI Community Development Conference, September 16-17, 2009.

I hope you can participate in this exciting process.

Sincerely,


Nelson W. Wolff

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