



Re: Inglewood Pool

To Whom It May Concern

September 11th, 2019

The Inglewood BIA board **voted unanimously to support the ICA in its position on the Inglewood Pool.** Inglewood continues to densify under the MDP. The plan to densify stresses repeatedly the importance of great neighborhoods as a key component to intensification. Great neighborhoods have amenities within walking distance of residences, businesses and schools. The **ONLY** indoor public recreation facility in Inglewood/Ramsay/Bridgeland is the Inglewood Pool. To remove the one and only public indoor recreational amenity at this time would be to **directly contradict the MDP and Ward 9's stated principles of building great communities.**

Currently, within a distance of less than 2 kilometers, Inglewood has four big residential and retail developments opening their doors: **Avli, Southbank,** and the new **YW.** A fourth, **The Irvine** is under construction. The BIA and ICA are reviewing a proposed major development by **Landstar,** and **RDSQ** have purchased a large piece of land and property, including the historic CIBC bank, on 9th Ave and will be looking for a large, height-oriented development at this location. **Hungerford** and **Matco,** are unrolling major development in Inglewood adjacent to the CP rail tracks. **Hungerford** is also proposing a development at the gateway to Inglewood on 9th Avenue and Main Street. Another **8th Floor development** will be within 100 meters from Hungerford, where the former **Penguin Car Wash** was located. Major TOD will happen at the Truckstop area, including the proposed **Grid** development. In the next decade, thousands of new residents will be in Inglewood, the population will increase exponentially. It makes **NO SENSE** to remove the **only public indoor recreation amenity that serves three communities.**

To date, there has been no density-public realm-investment exchange for Inglewood. Unless they are organized, and fundraised by the community (Nellie Breen Playground, Gopher Park, Jack Long Park) few public realm recreation improvements that serve the community (bridge replacement and lane widening serve commuters who move through Inglewood) have been seen. The 9th Ave Streetscape plan, which the community worked on diligently for years, has been shelved. Yes, the pool costs money: it is underused, shabby, and old and needs investment. The City is struggling to cut budgets. However, residents, institutions, and businesses continue to grow in Inglewood, and these people need indoor public amenities that are healthy, affordable, and walkable. This **Intensification delivers tax revenues to the City, including exponential increases which are borne by many of the small businesses in places like Inglewood.** It would be short-sighted and contradict the principles of building great communities for the City to close the Inglewood Pool.

Sincerely,



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