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The Honorable City Council
Palo Alto, California

Police Building Feasibility Analysis

On May 9, 2005, the City Council discussed a colleague's memo concerning a proposal from a developer to construct a new 60,000 square foot police building on Gilman Street in downtown Palo Alto. The City Council directed staff and the City Auditor to review the project and provide comments and assessment of the proposal to the City Council.

The City Manager is recommending issuance of a Request for Statements of Interest that will solicit formal responses from any capable developer with interest in building a turn-key facility. In my opinion, this is an important step to ensure a fair and open process prior to negotiating with any one potential developer.

If the Council directs staff to proceed with the Request for Statements of Interest, staff will return to the Council with an evaluation of the proposals and I will provide comments at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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