

Please send an email to our city officials by Monday, July 1, 2024 before 8am.

Copy and Paste the following letter:

Subject Line: PROTECT THE FUTURE OF MIRA MESA - INPUT ON PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT FOR EPICENTRE

Dear <name>,

I understand that the City of San Diego is proposing to lease the Mira Mesa Epicentre to the County of San Diego for 40-50 years at a rate of \$1 per month. I request that the lease agreement be presented to the community for input before final approval by the City Council. We have many unanswered questions about this proposed lease, including:

1. Why is this agreement in the best interest of the community and city? What is the term of the lease?
2. Why has the Epicentre been boarded up and closed for over 8 years by the city?
3. Considering the Epicentre has previously failed as a teen center, is there a plan for success with benchmarks? Is there an escape clause?
4. Since the Epicentre is not designated park land and is commercially zoned, are there assurances that the County will not develop the Epicentre for commercial or housing purposes?
5. Considering the Epicentre is almost 50 years old and will require environmental remediation, will there be an environmental impact report, or will the City request an exemption from CEQA requirements? For public safety, will it be free of asbestos, mold, or other hazardous elements?

We urge you to safeguard the Mira Mesa Epicentre from future residential or commercial encroachment and ensure it does not pose public health and safety issues by taking the following actions:

1. **Designate as Dedicated Park Land:** Officially designate the Epicentre as dedicated park land before the lease is approved. Currently, the Epicentre is not on dedicated park land, while everything around it is. Without this designation,

the Epicentre could be developed for commercial or residential purposes. See attached map.

2. **Environmental Impact Report:** For public health and safety, there should be an Environmental Impact Report on the Epicentre before the lease is approved.

As parents, we owe it to our children, grandchildren, and our future generations to ensure the Epicentre is safe and protected. The Epicentre should become a place for park and recreation activities for all ages, focusing on our rich cultural diversity. Additionally, with an ever-increasing population in our community, we need as much park space as possible in our Mira Mesa Community Park and to safeguard it from future commercial and residential development.

We need your help! Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

(Your First & Last Name)

(Your Physical Address)

(Your Phone Number)