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Rina V. DiMare  
Chair, Cal Expo Board of Directors  
Cal Expo  
1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95815

Dear Chair DiMare and Members of the Cal Expo Board:

I am writing to inform you that due to the urgency of the homeless crisis, the city has chosen to reprioritize our resources and focus on shelter sites other than Lot P. As winter is fast approaching, we cannot afford to wait any longer and accordingly already redirected resources to focus on sites in South Sacramento and under the WX Freeway.

CalExpo is a place where California's achievements, industries and diversity are celebrated. However, less than a mile away human beings live outside, unsheltered, in dangerous and unsanitary conditions unbecoming of the capital of the world's fifth largest economy. With 350 acres of beautiful landscape dedicated to hosting the State Fair, concerts and tradeshow, I continue to believe a portion of the grounds could be used alleviate the plight of people experiencing homelessness and the businesses that are already contending with the impacts of unsheltered homelessness.

I am disappointed we were ultimately unable to create a partnership to address this humanitarian and economic crisis. The problem of homelessness is not going away and the number of people on the streets continue to rise. I remain hopeful that CalExpo will at some point choose to be part of the solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell Steinberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darrell Steinberg  
Mayor, City of Sacramento

CC: Members of the Cal Expo Board