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Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

As reported in this news article:

<https://mv-voice.com/news/2021/09/29/mountain-views-latest-redevelopment-project-wins-praise-for-keeping-low-income-tenants-housed> ,

- this project was adopted in September 2021
- the application had been deemed complete in 2020 hence exempt from SB 330
- terms and price were "ultimately" agreed upon for the sale of Gamel Way and a more generous relocation package.

i.e. "The city was able to negotiate the generous relocation assistance and first right to return in exchange for the sale of a public street. The DeNardi Group has been working quietly with the city -- including numerous closed-session meetings with the council -- to purchase Gamel Way in order to make the project work. The two parties ultimately agreed on a \$4.8 million sale price as well as the tenant relocation benefits."

Further, if I recall correctly, council passed the necessary legislation to declare Gamel Way surplus property and vacate it.

Needless to say, given all of that, it is surprising to see a closed session item in February 2023 to further discuss Gamel Way's Price and Terms of Sales.

While the City is always within its rights to do such negotiations in a closed session, I am writing to ask you to share with the public why negotiations have to be reopened and how this might impact the project.

Sincerely

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