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**From:** Serge Bonte [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 2:18 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** re: 12/5/23 Meeting Agenda Item 7.1 Public Safety Building, Project 20-49-Conceptual Design and Public Art Budget

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Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

I virtually attended parts of the latest CTC meeting where you considered many cuts/changes in scope for the Castro Grade Separation / Transportation Center , all in the name of limiting the funding shortfall. Even with all suggested costs, a funding cap still exists.

It's a bit surprising that in contrast the Public Safety Building scope and cost seems to have increased since your last study session. Out of the expanded scope, the rooftop shooting range stands out:

1. MVPD will only need that 16 bays facility a few days a week at most. I would have hoped that Mountain View could team up with other agencies (including the Moffett military) to have a shared shooting range. Either by combining funds to build a new one or to use an existing one. (Sunnyvale has one on the other side of 101).
2. Should Mountain View go at it alone, in order to amortize cost/operations of the shooting range, it seems inevitable that the shooting range will be rented to other agencies or possibly to the public. Do we really want that many firearms be driven through Mountain View all week long to a Downtown Shooting range?
3. Location on the rooftop seems questionable. It's likely to cost more in temperature control (energy waste) and sound proofing. Also, what a waste of rooftop potential (rooftop community garden/park, public art .....).

I do hope you will revisit that rooftop shooting range Downtown, maybe by teaming up with other agencies at existing facilities or at least one further from Downtown..

At some point hopefully soon, the City should also tally up all these funding gaps for the Public Safety Building and the two Grade Separation projects. All three are critical; let's make sure the proposed TOT ballot measure raises enough new revenues for ALL three and earmark these revenues to these three projects. Palo Alto did just that; their 2014 TOT measure was tied to a detailed (and finite) Infrastructure plan see: <https://www.infrastructure.cityofpaloalto.org/>

Sincerely,

Serge Bonte

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**From:** Ronit Bryant [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 6:00 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 7.1 Public Safety Building Conceptual Design

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Dear Mayor Hicks and City Councilmembers,

When you discuss the conceptual design for the public safety building at your upcoming December 5 meeting, I urge you to choose the Civic Americana design. The sketches presented in the staff report remind me of my favorite civic building in Mountain View, the Senior Center. On a recent visit, I was thrilled to see how well used the Senior Center was, and how very diverse its user population was. It exemplifies the vision we have for our city: open, welcoming to a very diverse community, celebrating our immigrant past, living our innovative present, and looking forward to our sustainable future.

The second conceptual design chosen for your consideration, the Civic Traditional, is being touted in the report as "the quintessential architectural style in California—the Mission style." I'd like to point out that for many in California, myself included, the story of the missions cannot be separated from a history of dispossession and displacement of native people. Traditions rejected, cultures suppressed - that is not what the City of Mountain View is about. Nor is looking back to a mythologized past (or attempting to encourage tourism by looking like Santa Barbara). Pomposity and "gravitas" are not the hallmark of a proudly diverse and inclusive city like Mountain View. Our civic architecture should reflect our values.

In a very few words, I read the Civic Americana as saying "Welcome." The Civic Traditional says, "Keep away." Which do you choose?

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,  
Ronit Bryant