

# CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

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Next Wednesday the City, Port Authority, and the Economic Development Council will be hosting a team of officials from the Department of Commerce (formerly CTED). The purpose of this visit is for them to meet with several key local employers, as well as one potential employer, to discuss ways that the State can assist these businesses in the future. This will include visits to ACTI, PenPly, and Nippon. We will also use this as an opportunity to update the Department of Commerce on other local projects including the redevelopment of the Rayonier site and the proposed Promenade.

This past week included a number of key highlights as we continue to be very busy around City Hall. One of the major highlights of the week was the AIA public forum on Tuesday evening. This meeting provided us an opportunity to update the public on the final AIA report and steps we have already taken to implement some of the recommendations included in this report. As with any City plan or study, there is a certain amount of skepticism about whether or not it will be implemented or whether it will set on a shelf gathering dust. However, there seems to be a lot of excitement and support for what has been accomplished to date as well as priorities identified for the coming year. We will tabulate the results of the survey on the major priorities for presentation during upcoming budget meetings.

In addition, Nathan West and I attended the Tourism Summit this week and this was very worthwhile for me since I was able to make a lot of contacts with tourism agencies and private companies involved in the tourism business on the Peninsula. There appears to be a lot of opportunities for expanding the tourism experiences offered in this area if we can continue to work together. One of the focus areas this year was culinary tourism which involves restaurants, local farmers, farmer's markets, wineries, and a variety of other entities involved in culinary activities.

As a reminder, please carefully review the proposed budget over the next few days and by this coming Thursday I would like to get your list of budget-related topics for the October 27 work session. I will take these suggestions and group them together to create an agenda for discussion at that work session. This agenda will be sent to you on Friday, October 23, along with additional budget information.

**- Kent Myers**