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City Manager's Office

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Steven L. Schainker, City Manager

DATE:

October 19, 2007

SUBJECT:

CONTRACT WITH CAMPUSTOWN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR

PUBLIC USE OF RESTROOMS

As you will recall, the City recently entered into an agreement with Campustown Property Management for public use of restrooms at 200 Stanton and 303 Welch. Apparently, after the Contract was signed by both parties, Campustown Property Management received negative feedback from residential and commercial tenants at 303 Welch about the arrangement.

In last week's packet, you received a copy of a letter from Michael Yeagle, Director of Operations for Campustown Property Management, indicating a desire to terminate our formal arrangement for public use of the private restrooms. In lieu of this arrangement, Mr. Yeagle has expressed a willingness to make restrooms available to the public at 200 Stanton on an experimental basis without any charge to the City. It is his intent to monitor this situation for the next eight weeks to determine if any problems associated with vandalism occur at this site. If not, he is willing to continue to make these restrooms available to the public and perhaps revisit the possibility of including the restrooms at 303 Welch Avenue.

At their October 18th meeting, the Student Affairs Commission unanimously supported voiding the City's contract with Campustown Property Management and supported the experiment of allowing public use of the restrooms at 200 Stanton for the next eight weeks free-of-charge to the City. The Commission had hoped that the experiment would last longer, but were pleased that Mr. Yeagle agreed to allow the public use of the restrooms as long as no major problems occur during the next eight weeks.

Since the restrooms have never been open to the public, no payments have been made under the agreement, and the 30-day notification period has not elapsed, the appropriate action for the City Council would be to void the Contract with Campustown Property Management for public restrooms.

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