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I am still feeling pretty awful so will not be attending today's study session. I do have a few issues I would like to share with the other, however.

Library

I am definitely supportive of expanded library services for the residents of Costa Mesa. Under the proposed plan which would utilize community center space, how would meeting rooms be affected? My greatest concern is whether we would still have a single facility capable of accommodating the maximum crowds which utilize the largest room which accommodates several hundred when fully opened up. The City of Costa Mesa has used that room to capacity during hearings of unusual interest to our residents and it is also heavily used for other meetings such as political forums. I believe that these meetings are valuable and essential in fostering political discourse in our community. It is thus important that we maintain a facility with the same or greater maximum capacity in Costa Mesa.

General Plan

It seems that a general plan update that started out with a few minor changes is growing exponentially. Overall, I am concerned about the loss of areas devoted to activities which form our economic base and can provide living wage jobs. These would be replaced in favor of retail (in office/industrial areas) and high density residential. Typically, high density residential uses do NOT pay their way economically over the long term. In addition, brick and mortar retail is on the decline as more and more purchasing takes place on-line.

Prior to the types of changes contemplated in this general plan overhaul, we must review the economic implications of the proposed changes. We should not and cannot make these changes without a cost revenue study as well as overall economic modelling for the City. I believe that many of the changes proposed have the potential to be detrimental not only to our quality of life but to the long term economic vitality of the City.