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Councilmember Kevin Faulconer District 2 202 C Street, MS #10A San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Concerns with the New Children's Museum

Dear Councilmember Faulconer,

We are writing to express our growing concerns regarding operations at the New Children's Museum. Recently, we endured another in a growing chain of bad experiences when the New Children's Museum hosted an outdoor party for 1400 people on May 28, 2008. This event resulted in the closure of one-half of the full length of Union Street between Market Street and Island Ave. for the purpose of staging heavy equipment and industrial sized dumpsters directly in front of the main entry doors to our residence at Pinnacle Museum Tower. This unsightly, unsafe condition extended over the course of three days, with limited oversight by Museum/party staff to direct *two-way* traffic on the one remaining lane.

During the main event, a rock band was positioned on a stage turned directly at our residential tower. The amplified speakers seemed as if they were set on the highest level possible, causing a major noise nuisance to our residents and those at the surrounding towers in the Marina district. The loud disturbance continued until 10:00pm - well beyond the permitted time.

From the beginning, we have faced several other problems including the Museum's overwhelming encroachment onto our Plaza (driveway) for the purpose of staging their Opening Day parade, Museum valet parking staff recklessly driving in the wrong direction while exiting the garage, Museum lack of staffing, causing the deployment of *our* paid personnel to direct Museum traffic and secure the area, and the inability to react expeditiously to raw sewage from the Museum pumping freely into our exclusive garage level.

The residents at the Pinnacle Museum Tower and, no doubt, others throughout Downtown's Marina district request some clarity on the New Children's Museum's actual mission. Many of us anxiously awaited the completion of the Museum, both as a cultural icon and as an educational institution. Now, with the elimination of the charter school concept and the addition of raucous, multiblock street parties, the Museum appears to be driven more by its quest for revenues than the pursuit of its mission. Becoming a venue for partygoers and conventioneers who otherwise share no commonality with the Children's Museum is not what we anticipated so enthusiastically. We respectfully request your assistance in establishing a reasonable environment for coexistence between such a promising institution and the surrounding citizens in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Pinnacle Museum Tower Association Board of Directors

cc: Horizons Homeowners Association Board of Directors City Front Terrace Homeowners Board of Directors