

the writing of this letter, meetings are scheduled with 1848 for Friday, April 2, 2021, in advance of your scheduled Board Meeting to hear this item. We are anxious to share the results of that meeting with you at your meeting on April 6, 2021, if given the opportunity.

In conclusion, we cannot say whether or not the proposal of 1848 is one that the City and our citizens will embrace, because we do not know what that proposal is. The City has been open and transparent with what we propose for the buildings. We have shared that information with the public and your Board. As recent as Wednesday, March 31, 2021, we asked representatives of 1848 if we could see their proposal, not the funding, but the proposed uses. We were told no.

In early 2015, the City and County jointly established:

**Guiding Principles for
Court House and Surrounding Buildings Reuse**
(El Dorado Court House, Placerville Old City Hall, DA Building)

These principles were used both to recruit the committee and to set the parameters for review of reuse of the buildings. Principle #4 states the following:

4. The Public Process for Reuse shall be Open and Dynamic

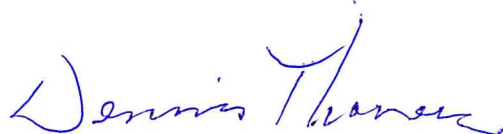
You have the commitment of the City of Placerville to work with both of the interested parties to find a collaborative project that is best for them and for the citizens of our communities. We are willing to put that commitment into an agreement that could be entered into with the County, if given the opportunity. Please give us the opportunity to make this a positive project for the City of Placerville and El Dorado County by selling these buildings to the City of Placerville, and allow us to be the mediator to bring the two groups together. Although this may appear as a simple real estate transaction to the County, it is much more than that to the parties involved.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this further, either in public or through negotiations.

Sincerely,



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City Manager



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