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I would like to speak regarding Regular Agenda Item

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Mercy Hospital Comments:

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MCNO applauds the new effort to redevelop the Mercy Hospital campus but has several questions about what the CEA addresses and what it does not:

1. The agreement includes drawings describing the construction of a retention drainage system, but no details associated with the demolition of the building. MCNO would like to be provided with more information so that the neighborhood can be assured of a safe and clean demolition. This should include answers to the following questions:
  - a. Is air quality, noise and vibration monitoring going to be provided. And should there be any issues or lawsuits, who exactly is liable for any damage that may occur to neighboring properties or oak trees? The City or Mercy Partners?
  - b. Has it been verified that the previous owner completed abatement of all hazardous materials?
  - c. Has the City obtained any independent cost estimates for the two components of this agreement to ensure that the 11.5-million-dollar price tag is correct? Who is responsible for cost overruns? Who will pay for the water for the wash system, Mercy as the maintainer or the City as the lessee?
2. What analysis has the City done to know that using 11.5 million dollars of public money provides an equal economic benefit to the City? And does this justify the use of public funds to pay for the demolition of a private owner's structure? Has due diligence been performed to ensure that this project results in the desired outcome with no further costs to the city?

3. Because there has been very little public participation, MCNO believes it is important that the above questions be clearly addressed in the final agreement with Mercy Partners, particularly when it comes to liability.
4. Today, most people only see the hospital structure as a playground for vandals and have no memory of the building as a working and functioning hospital. But before Hurricane Katrina Mercy Hospital/Lindy Boggs was a wonderful place and was the heart of Mid-City where caring flourished.

Thank you.