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This Fight Is Not Over: Staying Vigilant After the State Rescinds the FBRS Grant

SAN PEDRO - Thanks to Council member Tim McOsker's persistent advocacy and continued engagement with State officials, the State of California has rescinded the \$73.4 million grant, with no opportunity for appeal, for the proposed Fred Brown Recovery Services (FBRS) facility at the former Little Sisters of the Poor property.

However, the current property owner may still pursue legal action against the State or explore other avenues to revive the project or secure alternative funding. For that reason, we believe it is prudent to allow approximately 90 days to ensure those possibilities do not materialize before considering this matter fully resolved.

In addition, the property owner previously leased a portion of the site to another drug and alcohol services provider. The City ultimately took action that resulted in that tenant vacating the property. That should serve as a reminder that a similar situation could occur again.

As Council member McOsker has advised, the community should remain vigilant. Should FBRS or another operator seek to lease or occupy the property, the City will be prepared to respond. Likewise, our community must be prepared to retain legal counsel, if necessary, to ensure that all applicable land use laws, environmental review requirements, and public processes are fully observed.

We want to thank all of those in the community who donated their time, energy, investigative tools and their money to the fight. Our fight is not over and we still need you. We are all in this together, we are "San Pedro Strong".

For these reasons, we believe the responsible course of action is to retain the donated funds in the SBNAF Bank Account for the time being. We will continue to keep supporters informed over the next several weeks, up to approximately 90 days, as we monitor developments and determine whether any additional action is warranted.

If you would prefer to have your contribution returned despite these ongoing considerations, please contact us at spnaforg@gmail.com, and we will make those arrangements promptly.

"Winning the grant fight doesn't mean this is over," said Rich Scandalianto. "We need San Pedro's continued support now more than ever, to see this matter through."