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SIERRA-CURTIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2771 24th Street Sacramento, CA 95818

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February 4, 1981

Ms. Lorraine Magana City Clerk City Hall, 915 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Magana:

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This is a request for a place on the regular agenda of the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 10, 1981.

The Sierra-Curtis Neighborhood Association would like an opportunity to address the City Council on the issue of the South Sacramento Railroad Yard, also known as the Western Pacific Railroad Yard.

I enclose copies of letters already sent to each member of the City Council along with supportive documentation. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely

Peter A. Lauwerys

President

PAL/pf

cc: D. Thompson

Enclosures

SIERRA-CURTIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2771 24th Street Sacramento, CA 95818

January 29, 1981

Honorable Members of the City Council City of Sacramento, City Hall Sacramento, California 95814

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Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Sierra-Curtis Neighborhood Association is dedicated to the education, recreation, safety, general welfare, and improvement of the portion of Sacramento known as the Sierra-Curtis neighborhood. We are especially concerned with the impact that the Western Pacific Railroad Yard has on our immediate neighborhood. We have expressed our concerns on numerous occasions to officials of the City of Sacramento which retains certain powers over the land referred to as the Sacramento Western Pacific Railroad Yard.

The Board of Directors of the SCNA met on Monday, January 26, 1981 and instructed me to write this letter to you immediately.

The Sierra-Curtis Neighborhood Association now understands that the Union Pacific Railroad Company has purchased the Western Pacific Railroad and all of its assets subject to the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) approval. We are, quite naturally, very concerned about any future plans that the Union Pacific Railroad has for the nieghborhood yard and what agreements the City of Sacramento will reach with the new owner of the Western Pacific Railroad Company.

We wish to bring to your attention the exact language concerning the city's rights by quoting from the 1909 grant of the Land, the fact that the City of Sacramento

RETAINS ALL RIGHTS TO "RE-ENTER UPON AND REPOSSESS SUCH OF THE LAND" (Western Pacific Railroad Yard) that were originally conveyed to the Western Pacific Railroad Company with very specific conditions.

The Sierra-Curtis Neighborhood Association has been provided with information that indicates that the Western Pacific Railroad Company has failed to adhere to the original conditions of the grant and is therefore in violation of the grant and the Western Pacific Railroad committments to the City of Sacramento and its citizens.

Honorable Members of the City Council January 27, 1981 Page Two

We respectfully urge the City Council to pass a resolution as soon as possible which clearly indicates that the City of Sacramento has in no way abandoned its rights over the Sacramento Western Pacific Railroad Yard.

Our Legal Counsel, Mr. Richard Huff, has drawn up a proposed resolution for your consideration which is attached to this letter.

This resolution is important so that the City's rights are not jeopardized in light of the sale of the Western Pacific Railroad Company. We consider it essential that the City Council act on the resolution as soon as possible and then proceed to investigate all aspects of any proposed land use in the Sacramento Western Pacific Railroad Yard together with the failure of the Western Pacific Company to carry out its promises to the City of Sacramento. In addition, the City should investigate the manner in which the Western Pacific has modified its land usage at the Railroad Yard.

Thank you for your support and interest.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Lauwerys President, SCNA

cc: Richard Huff

PAL/pf

RESOLUTION No.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

WHEREAS, Western Pacific Railroad Company was given certain property presently located within the City of Sacramento upon the condition that it be used for its main railroad and repair shops in the State of California, and

WHEREAS, the reversionary interest in said property vests in the City of Sacramento with the right to terminate the ownership of Western Pacific and re-enter said property if the condition set forth in the gift deed to Western Pacific is not complied with, and

WHEREAS, the assets of Western Pacific Railroad are presently in the process of sale to Union Pacific Railroad, and

WHEREAS, the effects of said sale upon the conditions contained in said gift deed are unknown, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Sacramento and especially those residents of the Sierra-Curtis Neighborhood adjoining the Western Pacific Railroad Yard have expressed concern about the impact of the sale on the neighborhood and on the continuing enforceability of the conditions in the original gift deed,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the City of Sacramento hereby reaffirms all of its rights under the original gift deed to Western Pacific Railroad and asserts that all conditions contained in said gift deed shall be binding upon any and all successors to Western Pacific Railroad and further that, specifically, the City of Sacramento reserves its rights to terminate Western Pacific's as well as the successors' interests in its property and to re-enter said property.

CITY OF SACRAMENTO





THEODORE H. KOBEY, JR. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

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DEPARTMENT OF 812 TENTH ST. SACRAMENTO, CALIF 95414 TELEPHONE (916) 449-5144 SUITE 201

December 11, 1980

Councilman Dan Thompson City Hall Sacramento, California 95814

Western Pacific Railroad Yard RE:

Dear Councilman Thompson:

You have asked about the City's relationship to the Western Pacific Railroad Yard. The City does not have a lease with Western Pacific for the use of the railroad facility. The history of our relationship with Western Pacific in this regard is as follows:

In the early 1900's the citizens of Sacramento, by donations from individuals, contributed approximately \$60,000 which was used to purchase the present Western Pacific Railroad Yard. This money was raised in part, to encourage the formation of Western Pacific and to provide competition to Southern Pacific. The attached indenture (in part) dated January 30, 1909 indicates the terms and conditions of the conveyance to Western Pacific. In summary, Western Pacific is required to maintain the donated property as their main railroad and repair shop in California. The Indenture contains language establishing a procedure for substituting property in Sacramento County in place of the donated property. It provides that in the event of any breach of the conditions, then the City may re-enter and repossess the property and the right, title and interest of Western Pacific in the property shall cease.

In the early 1970's Western Pacific built a repair and maintenance facility in Stockton and moved some of its personnel to that site. At that time, the City Council adopted a Resolution indicating they were not waiving any rights which the City may have to re-enter Western Pacific's property. I have asked the City Clerk to locate a copy of that Resolution. I will send it to you after I receive it.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

JPJ: KMF

Carla Foreman 2771 24th Street

Sacramento, California 95818

Very truly yours,

JAMES P. JAWKSON Caty Attorney

ATTACHMENT

THIS IMMETTURE, made this 31 day of ANNAMIA

1909, by and between P. C. MRECHER, of the fitty of Secretarion.

State of California, party of the first part, and the said

CITY OF SACRAMENTO, a municipal corporation of the State of California, party of the second part,

WITHESSETH:

tofore executed and delivered to Western Pacific Railway Company a railroad comporation, a deed conveying certain lands in the immediate vicinity of the said City of Sacramento to said. Western Pacific Railway Company upon a certain confiction subsequent therein set out, which said deed is in the words and figures following, to wit:

THIS INDENTURE made this 30 day of MANIANIA.

1909, by and between P. C. DRESCHER of the first part, and WESTERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a railroad componstion of the State of California, party of the second part,

VITNESSETH

THAT WHEREAS the party of the first part herein has acquired the property hereinafter described and conveyed with money contributed by the citizens of Sacraceaso and vicinity for the public benefit of the inhabitance of said City and vicinity and for the purpose of conveying said property to the grantee on the terms and conditions herein specified,

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rents, issues and profits thereof.

second part, its successors and assigns forever, subject, however, to the following conditions subsequent, to wit:

That the party of the second part shell at or before the time of the commencement of operation of its railroad from the City of Salt Lake, State of Utah, to the City of San Francisco, State of California, locate and commence the construction on the said land hereby conveyed to it of the main railroad and repair shops in California of said railroad and shell thereafter complete with diligence and forever maintain the same upon said land, or upon such additional or other land in said County in the immediate vicinity of the City of Sacramento. State of California, as may be substituted therefor as hereinafter provided.

time and from time to time (but only upon the written approval and consent of the City of Sacramento duly executed by said City and the grantee herein and acknowledged and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of said County of Sacramento) to substitute either in whole or in part for the land hereby conveyed to the party of the second part, other land in said Sacramento County in the immediate vicinity of said City of Sacramento as the site for said shops or a portion thereof.

An ordinance or resolution, adopted by a sajority of the Board of Trustees of said City, and approved by the Mayor, shall be required to constitute the approval and consent of said City herein provided for. The said City of Sacramento shall have

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subject to said condition as herein provided and thereupon all
right, title and interest of the party of the second part, its
successors or assigns, in or to the lands as to which such right
of re-entry or re-possession exists, shall case and determine.

IN WITHESS WAMREOF the party of the first part has hereunto signed his name, the day and year first above written.

(signed) J.C. Drescher

NOW for end in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars, to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part at or before the execution and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby administrated, the party of the first part has granted, and by these presents does grant, unto the party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever, all the right, title and interest, remainder and reversion, in and to the lands so conveyed by the party of the first part to said. Western Pacific Railway Company by the said deed hereinbefore set out remaining in the party of the first part after the execution and delivery of said deed, also in and to any land which may be hereafter substituted therefor as therein provided including all right of re-entry and re-possession for breach of the conditions subsequent or any of them, specified in said

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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COUNTY OF SACRALEHRO

On this 30th day of January, in the year 1909, before me, ARTHUR E. HILLER, a Motory Fishic in and for said County and State, personally appeared P. C. DRECOHER, known to me to be the person shose name is subscribed to the mithia with instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the ours.

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CITY OF SACRAMENTO



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January 8, 1981

Councilman Daniel E. Thompson City Hall, Room 205 915 "I" Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Western Pacific Railroad Company - Sacramento Yard

Dear Councilman Thompson:

In accordance with my letter to you dated December 11, 1980 on the above subject, I enclose a copy of Resolution No. 832, adopted June 19, 1969.

This resolution specifies that there is no waiver of the City's right to terminate Western Pacific's interest in its property or our right to re-enter the property pursuant to the deed conveying the property to Western Pacific in 1909.

I also enclose my report to the Council on this subject dated May 20, 1969. I will discuss this subject with Walt Slipe to determine the extent of the present use of the Western Pacific yards.

Very truly yours,

JAMES P JACKSON City Attorney

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CITY OF SACRAMENTO. DEPARTMENT OF LAW

BIZ 10TH STREET, SUITE 201 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA PHIL

Telephone (916) 449-5345

DAVID W. McMURTRY, Assistant City JOHN LISBERT, Deputy City Attorney

June 19, 1969

Henorable City Council Council Chamber City Hall Sacramento, California

Members in Session:

Attached herewith is a resolution relating to the property located within the City of Sacramento and presently occupied by Western Pacific Railroad Company for its maintenance and repair shops. This subject was discussed in detail in my letter to the City Council on May 20, 1969.

In order that inaction by the City Council on this matter not be construed as waiving any rights of the City to re- . enter the property occupied by Western Pacific, we recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Very truly yours,

JAMES P. JACK CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED:

RATHEON, CITY MANAGER

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RESOLUTION No. 834

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of



WHEREAS, Western Pacific Railroad Company was given certain property presently located within the City of Sacramento upon the condition that it be used for its main railroad and repair shops in the State of California, and

WHEREAS, the reversionary interest in said property vests in the City of Sacramento with the right to terminate the ownership of Western Pacific and re-enter said property if the condition set forth in the gift deed to Western Pacific is not complied with, and

WHEREAS, Western Pacific intends to transfer a number of its employees presently working at the Sacramento Railroad yards to a new facility in Stockton, California, and

WHEREAS, said transfer of employees will result in a greater number of employees working in Stockton, California, than in Sacramento, California, and

WHEREAS, Western Pacific intends, no later than the year 1971, to increase the number of employees in the City of Sacramento so that it will closely approximate the number of employees working in the City of Stockton and to increase the plant facilities in the City of Sacramento so that they will have much greater value than the facilities located in the City of Stockton, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That, in reliance upon the assurances of the Western Pacific Railroad Company as to its future plans to increase the number of employees in the City of Sacramento and to increase the value of its facilities located in the City of Sacramento, the City of Sacramento will not institute proceedings at this time to terminate the ownership of Western Pacific in the land upon which its maintenance shops are located in the City of Sacramento, and to re-enter said property, provided, however, that this decision of the City of Sacramento may be changed or modified at any time hereafter and shall not be construed in any way whatsoever as constituting a waiver of the rights of the City of Sacramento to terminate Western Pacific's interest in its property and to re-enter said property.

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May 20, 1969

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MAY 29 1969

ELMER C. CLEVELAND

Honorable City Council Council Chamber City Hall Sacramento, California

Members in Session:

I am writing to the members of the City Council concerning the proposed move by the Western Pacific Railroad Company of some of its operations from Sacramento to Stockton. We were recently asked to investigate this move by some railroad employees and their representatives. It is a proper question to ask the City since the land in Sacramento occupied by Western Pacific for its maintenance shops was given to Western Pacific by the residents of the Sacramento area and certain conditions were attached to the gift.

Conditions Attached to Gift of Land to Western Pacific

in 1909, the citizens of the city of Sacramento donated \$60,000.00 for the purchase of the property presently occupied by the Western Pacific Maintenance Shops. This property was given to Western Pacific subject to the condition that Western Pacific "shall locate and commence the construction on the said land hereby conveyed to it of the main railroad and repair shops in California of said railroad and shall thereafter complete with diligence and forever maintain the same upon said land . . ."

Under the terms of the deed, the grantor reserved the right to re-enter and repossess the land in the event the above condition is violated. This right to re-enter and repossess the land was assigned to the City of Sacramento. The City accepted this assignment by Resolution, dated February 1, 1900.



Western Pacific Relocation Plans

In response to our request Western Pacific has furnished us with information relating to its proposed development in Stockton and its effect on the Sacramento property. present time there are 226 employees in Sacramento and 79 employees in Stockton. With the development of a new engine repair facility in Stockton the number of employees there will greatly increase on and after July 1, 1969. After this relocation is accomplished this fall, there will be approximately 188 employees in Sacramento and 259 employees in Stockton. However, Sacramento will still have the higher assessed valuation, the greater building area, and will remain the largest land site in the State. The Sacramento assessed property value will be approximately \$2.9 million while the Stockton assessed value will be approximately \$2.2 million. relocation of employees from other areas and expansion of facilities in Sacramento will result in the increase of employees in Sacramento to 242. The number of employees in Stockton wil remain at 259. However, the total payroll in both cities will be approximately equal. In addition, the assessed value of the property in Sacramento, according to Western Pacific figures, will be approximately \$3.4 million while the assessed value in Stockton will remain at \$2.2 million.

City Manager Recommendation

The City Manager has asked me to state on his behalf that he recommends that the City Council do nothing at this time concerning the right of re-entry possessed by the City of Sacramento. It is his recommendation that we review this subject within the next year to eighteen months, to ascertain whether Western Pacific is accomplishing its proposed expansion plans in Sacramento. The fact that it is recommended that nothing be done at this time is certainly not intended to constitute a waiver in any way of the rights of the City to re-enter the Western Pacific property.

I have discussed the content of this letter with the individuals who initially raised this question and with Western Pacific officials. The railroad employees and their representatives who were interested in this matter are proceeding with their plans to move to Stockton.



City Council

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However, if any Councilmen desires to discuss this matter further at a City Council meeting, please call me, and I will see that this subject is placed on a City Council Agenda.

Very truly yours,

JAMES P. JACKSON

City Attorney

MP Is Told: Replace 38 Or Face Shop Franchise Loss The Kity Council warned here will be reduced to to.

Western Pacific, Railroad Co. last night the city; may terminate AMP suffranchise for its maintehance shop land if the railroad/falls to replace the 38 employes being transferred from Sacramento to WP's atexpanded - facility in Stockton Past set thank

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after July 1 while the work force at the facility in Stockton is being increased from 70 to 259.

But he said WP has agreed to boost the work force at the railroad's main shop facility in Sacramento to 242 by 1971. These workers will come from other

The franchise agreement WP has with the city for its facilities in Sacramento 80 acre shop site just east of "have a much greater value Sacramento City College was than the facilities" in Stock, made 60 years ago on condition. City Clerk Elmer Cleve- shops in California on that

plans earlier this year when if WP fails to live up to its it was revealed the railroad end of the deal, the land beplanned to move some of its comes the property of the employes to Stockton.

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Transfer 30

The Western Pacific Railroad, City Attorney James Jackson Co. plans to prinsfer about 15 explained that a group of Sacraper cent of hid work force at the mento citizens purchased the company's Sacramento shop la 180 acre shop site and gave it to cility to Stocksof about July 1. | WP on condition that the rail-E. T. Cuyler WP's chief me-road keep its main repair shops

chanical officer, said today in California on that property, about 30 of the 180 employes at The agreement states that If the railroad's main shop facility WP fails to live up to its end of in Sacramento will be moved. the deal the land becomes the

And he indicated rumors of a property of the city. massive reduction of WP opera- The facility is located just, tions in Sacramento are un-jeast of Sacramento City College, founded.

Main Shop Stays

"The reilroad's main shop tacility will continue to be here," he said, "I doubt if we'll ever leave here." 1 ...

After July I; he said, repairs and maintenance on WP's running stock will be shifted to a new facility under construction in Stockton with responsibility for general shop functions remaining in Sacramento.

"All shop orders for the whole, railroad will continue to be done: here," Cuyler said.

Probe By City

In a related development, the City of Sucramento is investigating the move to see if it, violates a franchise agreementi WP made with the city about 60. years ago.

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RESOLUTION NO. 81-095

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

RESOLUTION RELATING TO WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD YARD

WHEREAS in 1909 Western Pacific Railroad Company was given certain property presently located within the City of Sacramento upon the condition that it be used for its main railroad and repair shops in the State of California, and

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