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RE: AVALON MOTEL – CORRECTION OF FACTS

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Attention: Editorial Board

The April 27, Sunday editorial on the demolition of the Avalon Motel at 1680 Santa Fe Ave. incorrectly states that the property was sold to the Redevelopment Agency as a result of the Agency's threat to use eminent domain.

The Redevelopment Agency does not use and has not used eminent domain on the Westside because of the 1981 Stipulated Agreement following a 1975 lawsuit by Westsiders against the Agency.

The City's Redevelopment Agency, represented by Project Officer Aldo Schindler, bought this property "the old fashioned way," through a voluntary sale. The Agency is to be commended for its aggressive negotiations that consummated a sale that benefits our industrial are without the use of, or threat of the use of, eminent domain.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss further, please feel free to call me.

Best regards,

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