

South San Francisco, CA

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City Council of South San Francisco

400 Grand Avenue

South San Francisco, CA 94080

RE: The Municipal Services Building (MSB)

Honorable Council Members:

The Municipal Services Building (MSB) has been such a special place in our community for decades.

Since the COVID pandemic and isolation at home, I am very interested in preserving the MSB as a senior and multi-use community building. The Atrium space is perfect for socialization and I had a thought that comes from all these years of COVID isolation at home.

I think some enterprising folk could designate gathering areas for people, perhaps seniors, to sit in a "Book Nook" where they can read comfortably and safely in a social setting.

There could be a "Chat Corner" where residents could come to safely talk to other residents.

We seem to have a number of home businesses specializing in baked goods who might want to set up a "Sweet Spot" and people can sign up to sell their items between a designated time. Likewise, there could be a space for a "Coffee Klatch" area where people come to read, chat, gossip, knit, etc. while enjoying coffee with their snack.

The goal would be to provide a low-key safe space for folk who often spend days alone to socialize in a friendly setting.

I liked the idea of daycare in the same building, and artists being able to work and display in this space.

Truly, this building could become a unique place for residents who otherwise might be sitting at home. I have purposely used the word "safe" a number of times. Many of us want to feel protected when we leave home, having a safe place to park, knowing we will be comfortable as we spend time at chosen activities.

As a resident in her 80's with a mobility issue, I seldom leave home because I don't want to have to chance being in an unsafe parking lot, or among a lot of people who are hurrying to complete their errands at a grocery store or mall.

Please preserve and save the MSB as a senior and community building.

Thank you,

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