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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON TENDER 211C/2020/21: CONTRACT SECTION 33 PROCESS FOR PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO CONDUCT URBAN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH FOR THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN (CCT) FOR 5 YEARS

DUE DATE: 13 DECEMBER 2021

The Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association notes the proposed appointment of consultants to conduct urban development research for the City of Cape Town from 2022 to 2027. The candidates chosen appear to have excellent credentials both in South Africa and internationally.

However, from 5 to 29 October 2021, a consortium of 12 highly respected urban planners presented an exhibition of an urban plan for Cape Town, VISION OF A FUTURE CAPE TOWN EXHIBITION, that differs fundamentally from the existing IDP and SDP for Cape Town. The online reference for a You Tube presentation at the opening of the exhibition is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmUFwtn7ABo. According to the presenters the existing urban design of Cape Town is:

- 1. Insufficiently compact and, therefore, economically and environmentally unsustainable;
- 2. Based on "apartheid" segregational planning principles that have been perpetuated by "modernist" 20th century urban planning that is outdated;
- 3. Contrary to the essence of a city as a melting pot combining different cultures and economic levels;
- 4. Poorly served by transport with the poor spending a third of their income to get to work by taxi and the rich spending a disproportionate amount of their time in private vehicles on congested roads to access shops, schools and other amenities; and
- 5. Managed by six (6) different silos of the municipality, i.e. human settlements, transport, water & sanitation, public works, etc.

The exhibition design offers an alternative based on mixed housing with pedestrian access to amenities.

SUMMARY

The Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association strongly urges the City's research contractors to consider this exhibition as part of their brief.

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