

The Spreckels Organ Society

PLAZA de PANAMA STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

May 29, 2012

The Spreckels Organ Society supports the over-all concept of removing vehicle traffic from the Plaza de Panama and returning the Plaza and adjacent gardens to their early 1915 design concepts.

The Spreckels Organ Society desires to be a positive force to realize this goal.

The Society at its February 28, 2012 meeting endorsed, with reservations, the original Jacobs Plan as presented at that date. At that time, it was the only comprehensive plan available for consideration.

Since that time, a Jacobs Plan B has been put forward as an alternative.

After review, the Society feels that Plan B best meets the over-all concept and removes the Society's previous reservations with the original plan.

The positive aspects of the Jacobs Plan B as they relate to the Spreckels Organ Pavilion are as follows:

- Free parking is retained in the lot behind the Pavilion. This is important as all programs at the Organ Pavilion are to be presented without charge as stipulated in the deed of gift from the Spreckels brothers.

- Underground parking is provided under the Plaza de Panama in close proximity to the Museums and the Old Globe Theater. It is also available for events at the Organ Pavilion.

- The need for Trams is reduced or eliminated.

- The Jacobs Plan B appears to provide the least negative impact to the Park's gardens and over-all environment.