

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 9:47 AM  
**To:** Mayra Rodriguez Valladares, MRV Associates  
**Cc:** Trustee Veron; Trustee Lewis; Trustee Ross; Trustee Waldman; Trustee Crandall; Trustee Arest; Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Re: Tuesday's Board Meeting

Mayra,

Thank you for your email. We appreciate your continued input on Freightway.

Best,

Marc

> On Jan 16, 2020, at 9:44 AM, Mayra Rodriguez Valladares, MRV Associates <mrvassoc@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Good morning,

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> I watched Tuesday's Board meeting with great interest. I was very  
> disappointed that you provided no information as to why you halted the  
> process now rather than after the feedback deadline of February 9th.  
> You also did not explain why you made this decision behind closed  
> doors without public participation.

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> I am also very concerned about your comments "The village board has  
> shared many of the same concerns and neither proposal, as presented,  
> was ever an option. But (given the) concern (of) our neighbors, made  
> worse with the spread of incomplete and, at times, inaccurate  
> information, we decided the responsible action was to pause."

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> If the proposals were never an option, then why present them to the public?  
> Why call the bidders finalists? And who is misinforming the public?  
> And in what way? Why make statements about 'misinformation' without  
> providing evidence of such?

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> As I have written previously, I see no evidence that you vetted the  
> two finalists. You have not released any financial information about  
> the bidders or any forecasts of the impact of Freightway redevelopment  
> on our schools, commuter safety and train crowding, or traffic  
> patterns. You have also not responded any questions as to whether you  
> knew about East End Capital buying up properties on Garth Road, fires  
> at Avalon properties, and level of debt at East End and LCOR. What  
> about the bidders' contingency liabilities. For example, LCOR is now  
> being sued. <http://bit.ly/3aabn1L>

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> I hope that you come up with a plan for Freightway soon with diverse  
> participation from residents.  
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> Best regards,  
> Mayra  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>  
> Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 3:57 PM  
> To: Mayra Rodriguez Valladares, MRV Associates <mrassoc@yahoo.com>  
> Cc: Trustee Veron <jveron@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Lewis  
> <jlewis@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Ross <ross@scarsdale.com>; Trustee  
> Waldman <rwaldman@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Crandall  
> <lcrandall@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Arest <jarest@scarsdale.com>; Donna  
> Conkling <dconkling@scarsdale.com>; Steve Pappalardo  
> <spappalardo@scarsdale.com>  
> Subject: Re: Freightway Petition as of January 13, 2020 (2)  
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> Thank you for your email, Mayra.  
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> Marc  
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>> On Jan 14, 2020, at 3:49 PM, Mayra Rodriguez Valladares, MRV  
>> Associates  
> <mrassoc@yahoo.com> wrote:  
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>> Thank you for listening to residents and to keeping the feedback  
>> deadline open until February 9th. It would be very useful for  
>> residents to hear from you how last Tuesday's meeting complies with  
>> the Open Meetings Law and what precisely led you all putting a halt  
>> on the project last week rather than after the feedback deadline. Did  
>> you receive new information that led to this decision? Did all of you  
>> vote for  
> halting the process?  
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>> Also, I would still really appreciate hearing answers from you about  
>> whether the previous or current Scarsdale administrations have ever

>> worked with the bidders, consultants or the architect.

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>> Best regards,

>> Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>

>> Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 3:14 PM

>> To: Mayra Rodriguez Valladares, MRV Associates <mrvassoc@yahoo.com>

>> Cc: Trustee Veron <jveron@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Lewis

>> <jlewis@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Ross <ross@scarsdale.com>; Trustee

>> Waldman <rwaldman@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Crandall

>> <lcrandall@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Arest <jarest@scarsdale.com>;

>> Donna Conkling <dconkling@scarsdale.com>; Freightway

>> <freightway@scarsdale.com>; Steve Pappalardo

>> <spappalardo@scarsdale.com>

>> Subject: Re: Freightway Petition as of January 13, 2020

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>> Thank you for your email, Mayra.

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>> The Board is committed to listening to all feedback on Freightway, as

>> well as on other matters.

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>> Best,

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>> Marc

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>>> On Jan 13, 2020, at 1:22 PM, Mayra Rodriguez Valladares, MRV

>>> Associates

>> <mrvassoc@yahoo.com> wrote:

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>>> Dear Mayor and Board of Trustees,

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>>> I trust that you are well. As you know, a group of us created a

>>> petition

>> asking that you halt Freightway Redevelopment until residents'

>> questions are answered. Within less than 48 hours of launching the

>> petition on December 17, 2019, we had 500 signatures, a number higher

>> than responded to the Freightway Survey even when it was open for

>> months. Even throughout the holidays, signatures continued to come in.  
>> As of today, January 13, 2020 at 1:10pm, 790 residents and a few  
>> merchants have signed this petition. Many have been brave enough to  
>> write comments using their names. There is a lot of useful  
>> information in those comments. Quite a number of residents wrote me  
>> that they would not use their names or that they would not comment,  
>> because they are worried about how their property assessments would be impacted.

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>>> Since you are meeting tomorrow, I attach the petition and the signatures.  
>> I will send you the final version by your comment deadline, February  
>> 9, 2020.

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>>> Best regards,  
>>> Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez

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>>> <halt-freightway-redevelopmentJanuary132020113pm.pdf>

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