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Letter from Michele Russo to Donald J. Stastny

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April 16, 1980

Donald J. Stastny, Architect
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Dear Don:

This is in reply to your letters of April 1 and 9, 1980, in which you asked that I provide a position representing my constituency's views on the Pioneer Courthouse Square Design Competition.

Following is a consensus of the Design Committee's concerns on this matter:

1. That the present program may be interpreted by the participants as a highly active multi-use space in the midst of an already highly active area. The Committee supports those elements of the program that suggest a more passive, calming solution.
2. That special attention be given to the proposed design standards that relate, and specifically to standard 1.6, Parks and Plazas.
3. That special attention be given to the historic importance of the Pioneer Courthouse and the City in general.
4. That there be a commitment to leaving the finalists free to interpret the program requirements in an artistic manner not restricting creativity.
5. That the functional aspects of the solution be kept simple and allow for flexibility of use.
6. That the solution be of an enduring aesthetic character.

I am planning on participating in the briefing session on Thursday, April 17, but will leave for a 3:30 p.m. Design Committee hearing.

Sincerely,

Michele Russo

Michele Russo
Design Committee Advisor to Pioneer Square Jury

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