

BEFORE THE  
GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE  
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
TO THE  
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE  
ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO THE  
CALIFORNIA STEM CELL RESEARCH AND CURES ACT  
REGULAR MEETING

LOCATION: THE CLAREMONT HOTEL  
41 TUNNEL ROAD  
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2014  
8 A.M.

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BARRISTERS' REPORTING SERVICE

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ITEM DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO.
1. CALL TO ORDER	3
2. ROLL CALL	3
3. DISCUSSION OF CRITERIA FOR CIRM HEADQUARTERS SITE SEARCH.	4
4. PUBLIC COMMENT	NONE

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1 BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA; THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014

2 8:00 A.M.

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CHAIRMAN TORRES: THE GOVERNANCE

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SUBCOMMITTEE WILL COME TO ORDER. MS. BONNEVILLE,

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WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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MS. BONNEVILLE: SHERRY LANSING. AL

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ROWLETT.

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MR. ROWLETT: HERE.

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MS. BONNEVILLE: JEFF SHEEHY.

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MR. SHEEHY: HERE.

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MS. BONNEVILLE: OS STEWARD.

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DR. STEWARD: HERE.

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MS. BONNEVILLE: JONATHAN THOMAS.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: HERE.

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MS. BONNEVILLE: ART TORRES.

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MR. TORRES: HERE.

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MS. BONNEVILLE: KRISTINA VUORI.

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CHAIRMAN TORRES: DO WE HAVE A QUORUM?

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MS. BONNEVILLE: WE DO.

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CHAIRMAN TORRES: LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT

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WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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MEMBERS, WE HAVE A VERY SHORT AGENDA. IT

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IS MERELY TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPROVE THE NATURE AND

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THE SCOPE OF SPECIFIC SPECIFICATIONS IN RESPECT TO

BARRISTERS' REPORTING SERVICE

1 ANY FUTURE SPACE THAT WE MIGHT CHOOSE TO LEASE IN  
2 ANTICIPATION OF OUR VACANCY EFFECTIVE 2014 OF  
3 NOVEMBER.

4 WHAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU IS A LIST OF  
5 THOSE SPECIFICATIONS, WHICH WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED,  
6 ALSO COME FROM THE STATE AS WELL AS ANY FEDERAL OR  
7 STATE APPLICABLE LAW, IN RESPECT TO HANDICAP  
8 ACCESSIBILITY IN TERMS OF MEETING ADA REQUIREMENTS.  
9 I'VE ALSO BEEN VERY SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF STAFF  
10 IN TERMS OF DEALING WITH TRANSPORTATION ISSUES.  
11 WE'VE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE IN OUR CURRENT SPACE TO  
12 HAVE HAD FREE PARKING FOR THE MOST PART. THAT WILL  
13 NOT BE THE CASE, AS I ANTICIPATE, IN THE FUTURE. SO  
14 WE HAVE TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE TRANSIT  
15 SPECIFICATIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR STAFF.

16 WE HAVE ENCOURAGED AND ENLARGED THE AREA  
17 BY WHICH TO LOOK AT SPECIFIC SPACE POTENTIAL TO  
18 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN  
19 FRANCISCO, AND WHAT I CALL THE EAST BAY, BUT  
20 BASICALLY OAKLAND, EMERYVILLE, FOR POTENTIAL SITES.

21 I HAVE BEEN IN CONVERSATIONS FOR THE LAST  
22 SIXES MONTH WITH A BROKER WHO HAD COME HIGHLY  
23 RECOMMENDED FROM THOSE FOLKS IN THE AREA TO BEGIN TO  
24 LOOK AT SPECIFIC PROPERTIES, AND THEN WE WOULD  
25 BASICALLY HONE IT DOWN TO THOSE PROPERTIES THAT

BARRISTERS' REPORTING SERVICE

1 WOULD MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS, AND THEN TO DEAL WITH  
2 OBVIOUSLY THE ISSUE OF RENTAL SPACE. CURRENTLY WE  
3 PAY NO RENT. SO, THEREFORE, WE HAVE TO BE VERY  
4 SENSITIVE AS TO WHAT WE WILL PAY IN THE FUTURE.

5 I'VE ALSO BEEN IN CONVERSATIONS WITH TODD  
6 RUFO, R-U-F-O, WHO IS THE MAYOR'S DIRECTOR OF  
7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN  
8 FRANCISCO. AND THEY'RE VERY, VERY SUPPORTIVE OF  
9 HELPING US FIND A LOCATION. THEY'VE POINTED OUT  
10 SOME. AND THEN ONCE WE'VE HONED IT TO DOWN TO  
11 SPECIFIC SPACES THAT WE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN, WHAT  
12 KIND OF HELP THEY COULD PROVIDE WITH THE LANDLORD IN  
13 TERMS OF REDUCING THE RENT OR PROVIDING US OTHER  
14 ELEMENTS OF SUPPORT.

15 I'VE ALSO BEEN VERY INTERESTED IN TRYING  
16 TO FIND A PROPERTY THAT WOULD HELP US HAVE OUR BOARD  
17 MEETINGS WITHIN THE OFFICES, THEREBY ELIMINATING  
18 SOME HOTEL EXPENSES AS WELL AS ACCESSIBILITY TO A  
19 HOTEL NEARBY THAT WOULD HELP US WITH OUR REVIEW  
20 PANELS AS WELL AS OUR BOARD MEMBERS TO MAKE IT  
21 EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND ALSO, AGAIN, TO HOPEFULLY  
22 REDUCE SOME OF THE COST THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE AND  
23 THAT WE COULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WITHIN A SPECIFIC  
24 SPACE ACCOMMODATION.

25 SO THOSE ARE THE SPACE SPECIFICATIONS, AND

BARRISTERS' REPORTING SERVICE

1 THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO APPROVE THEM SO  
2 THAT I CAN GO FORWARD IN TALKING WITH BROKERS AND  
3 NARROWING DOWN THE SCOPE. AND THEN MY INTENT IS TO  
4 REPORT BACK TO THE FULL BOARD AS TO THE -- TO THE  
5 FULL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AGAIN AS TO WHAT POTENTIAL  
6 SITES WE MIGHT ENCOURAGE AND HAVE AND THEN OBVIOUSLY  
7 TO THE FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

8 WE HAVE BEEN IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES FOR THE STATE OF  
10 CALIFORNIA AS WELL, AND THEY ARE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR  
11 EFFORT TO FIND LOCATIONS AND ARE WILLING TO HELP IF  
12 WE NEED THEIR HELP IN THE FUTURE.

13 ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD?

14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: MR. SENATOR, WHAT  
15 TIMETABLE DO YOU ENVISION FOR THE VARIOUS STEPS WHEN  
16 YOU'RE IDENTIFYING SPOTS AND SITE VISITS AND ALL  
17 THAT SORT OF THE THING?

18 CHAIRMAN TORRES: I HOPE TO CONCLUDE THIS  
19 JOURNEY BY THE END OF JANUARY AND HOPEFULLY BRING  
20 SOME KIND OF REPORT BY THEN OR EARLY FEBRUARY, AT  
21 LEAST THE FIRST WEEK, TO THE FULL GOVERNANCE  
22 COMMITTEE AND, THEREFORE, REVIEW THOSE POTENTIAL  
23 SITES AND THEREBY OUR ABILITY TO SEE WHICH ONES WE  
24 WOULD BRING TO THE FULL BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION.

25 DR. STEWARD.

BARRISTERS' REPORTING SERVICE

1 DR. STEWARD: THANKS. THE ONE THING I  
2 WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THIS LIST, NOT MAYBE FORMALLY,  
3 BUT AT LEAST IN YOUR THINKING IS THAT HAVING A  
4 BUILDING ADA ACCESSIBLE OR MEETING ADA REQUIREMENTS  
5 IS SORT OF A MINIMUM. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT A CIRM  
6 ENTITY WOULD BE A MODEL FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
7 ACCESSIBILITY, REALLY SOMETHING THAT WE CAN BE PROUD  
8 OF AND HAVE IT REALLY GOOD, NOT JUST MEET THE  
9 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

10 CHAIRMAN TORRES: SO REALLY GOOD IS  
11 DEFINED AS WHAT?

12 DR. STEWARD: I CAN TELL YOU ALL KINDS OF  
13 LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.

14 CHAIRMAN TORRES: I WOULD LIKE TO GET A  
15 LIST FROM YOU. THAT WOULD BE TERRIFIC. WHY DON'T  
16 WE JUST INCORPORATE THAT DR. STEWARD WILL PROVIDE ME  
17 AN INFORMAL LIST, AND I WILL TAKE THAT INTO  
18 CONSIDERATION WITH THE ADA REQUIREMENTS. THAT WOULD  
19 BE GREAT. I KNOW YOU'VE HAD EXPERIENCE IN THAT  
20 AREA.

21 ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE  
22 SUBCOMMITTEE? ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS AT ANY OF THE  
23 SITES WHERE PEOPLE ARE CALLING FROM? AL ROWLETT,  
24 YOU HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT THERE?

25 MR. ROWLETT: THIS IS AL ROWLETT. JUST A

BARRISTERS' REPORTING SERVICE

1 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. FORGIVE MY NAIVENESS. IT  
2 SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE ONLY LOOKING IN THE SAN FRANCISCO  
3 AREA?

4 CHAIRMAN TORRES: WE'RE ONLY LOOKING IN  
5 THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND  
6 COUNTY, AND THE EAST BAY AREA, WHICH I DENOTE AS  
7 OAKLAND AND EMERYVILLE. AND THAT'S BECAUSE ALL OF  
8 OUR STAFF ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN THOSE COMMUNITIES  
9 OR NEARBY.

10 MR. ROWLETT: WAS THAT PREVIOUSLY A  
11 CONSIDERATION WHEN WE WERE GETTING PROPERTY, THAT WE  
12 WOULD RESTRICT OUR SEARCH TO A SPECIFIC AREA?

13 CHAIRMAN TORRES: NO, NOT AT ALL BECAUSE  
14 AT THAT POINT WE HAD NO EMPLOYEES. I WAS NOT  
15 PRESENT DURING THAT SEARCH. MR. HARRISON, I'M SURE,  
16 CAN OPINE ON THAT, BUT MANY CITIES PRESENTED  
17 PROPOSALS, FRESNO, SAN DIEGO, LOS ANGELES,  
18 SACRAMENTO, AND SAN FRANCISCO. AND AFTER MUCH  
19 DELIBERATION, THE BEST PROPOSAL THAT CAME FORWARD,  
20 WHICH WAS BASICALLY FREE PARKING AND FREE RENT, WAS  
21 THE ONE THAT THEN MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM PUT TOGETHER  
22 AND WAS BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE THEN EXISTING BOARD  
23 WHICH THEN APPROVED THAT. BUT AT THAT POINT THERE  
24 WERE NO EMPLOYEES OR TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER KINDS  
25 OF INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS TO CONSIDER FOR THE



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1 EMPLOYEES THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE ON BOARD.

2 MR. HARRISON, DID YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING  
3 TO THAT? NO. HE HAS NOTHING TO ADD, WHICH IS  
4 ASTONISHING TO ME THAT HE HAS NOTHING TO ADD.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: SO COMPREHENSIVE.

6 MR. ROWLETT: GIVEN THAT POINT, I GUESS MY  
7 QUESTION IS DO WE OPEN OURSELF UP TO UNNECESSARY  
8 CRITICISM BY RESTRICTING OUR SEARCH? FOR EXAMPLE,  
9 IF YOU WERE TO EXPAND IT AND SOMEONE WERE TO OFFER  
10 US SOMETHING AKIN TO WHAT WE HAVE NOW, WOULD THAT  
11 MITIGATE THE POTENTIAL DILEMMAS FOR EMPLOYEES AROUND  
12 TRAVELING TO A SITE THAT MIGHT NOT BE IN THAT AREA?

13 CHAIRMAN TORRES: I DON'T KNOW WHETHER  
14 THAT WOULD BE THE CASE, AND I HAVE HEARD OF NO ONE  
15 OFFERING FREE RENT AT THIS POINT FROM ANY OTHER  
16 LOCATION. I MEAN THE DIFFICULTY I HAVE IS THAT  
17 PEOPLE MAKE SACRIFICES, AND THE STAFF THAT WE HAVE,  
18 I THINK, IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY,  
19 IF NOT THE WORLD. AND I WOULD JUST HATE TO MOVE TO  
20 AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT NEW CITY AND THEN PEOPLE HAVE  
21 TO MAKE VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS ON WHETHER THEY  
22 COULD DO SO OR JUST LEAVE CIRM. AND AT THIS  
23 CRITICAL STAGE OF OUR DEVELOPMENT, I WOULD FEEL THAT  
24 WOULD BE A BURDEN THAT WOULD BE VERY HEAVY FOR US.

25 MR. ROWLETT: SENATOR, FORGIVE MY

BARRISTERS' REPORTING SERVICE

1 NAIVENESS AROUND THIS ISSUE, BUT I GUESS I'M A  
2 LITTLE SENSITIVE TO POTENTIAL CRITICISM THAT WE  
3 MIGHT GET BY RESTRICTING OUR SEARCH TO ONE AREA. SO  
4 I CERTAINLY JUST WANT TO PUT THAT OUT THERE AS A  
5 CONCERN THAT I HAVE WHEN -- ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE  
6 NATURE OF CIRM AND WHERE IT IS IN TERMS OF ITS  
7 EVOLUTION. SO THAT'S MY COMMENT.

8 CHAIRMAN TORRES: I THINK THEY'RE NOT  
9 NAIVE CONCERNS. THEY'RE REAL CONCERNS. AND I THINK  
10 THAT THE CONCERNS THAT WE'VE OUTLINED ARE ALSO REAL.  
11 AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM AS WE BEGIN TO BALANCE THE  
12 NEXT STEPS IN TERMS OF OUR GEOGRAPHY, AND CLEARLY  
13 OUR LOCATION FOR OFFICES REALLY HAVE A VERY  
14 IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY. AND SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE  
15 AT RIGHT NOW.

16 NOW, IF WE WERE TO RECEIVE AN OFFER THAT  
17 SAYS COME TO OUR CITY AND WE'LL GIVE YOU FREE RENT,  
18 FREE PARKING, AND A LOT OF OTHER BENEFITS, OBVIOUSLY  
19 THAT'S SOMETHING THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER.

20 MR. ROWLETT: CERTAINLY. AND I WOULD  
21 THINK THAT WE WOULD AT LEAST MAKE SOME OVERTURE TO  
22 SEE IF THERE WAS A CITY THAT MIGHT DO THAT JUST SO  
23 THAT IF CRITICISM WERE LED AGAINST US, WE COULD SAY  
24 WE DID DO THAT.

25 CHAIRMAN TORRES: WELL, I WOULD NOT

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1 SUPPORT THAT BECAUSE I REALLY DO FEEL SENSITIVE  
2 ABOUT THE ECONOMIC AND HOUSING NEEDS OF OUR STAFF.  
3 AND I KNOW WHAT IT TOOK TO RECRUIT THE STAFF THAT WE  
4 CURRENTLY HAVE. AND THAT WOULD BE MY POSITION, BUT  
5 I'M JUST ONE VOICE. I'M JUST ONE VOTE ON THE BOARD,  
6 AND YOU'RE ALSO A VOICE AND A VOTE ON THE BOARD AS  
7 WELL. SO I THINK, AS I SAID BEFORE, IF THERE ARE  
8 OPTIONS THAT ARE PRESENTED, WE HAVE TO, BY OUR  
9 RESPONSIBILITY, BRING THEM TO THE GOVERNANCE  
10 SUBCOMMITTEE AND THEREAFTER TO THE BOARD FOR FURTHER  
11 CONSIDERATION. AND I THINK THE BOARD MEMBERS WOULD  
12 HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE ISSUES THAT I'VE  
13 RAISED AND THAT YOU'VE RAISED IN MAKING THAT  
14 DECISION. DOES THAT SOUND FAIR TO YOU?

15 MR. ROWLETT: IT DOES. THANK YOU.

16 CHAIRMAN TORRES: OKAY. ANY OTHER  
17 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? JEFF, YOU HAVE  
18 ANY PUBLIC COMMENT THERE IN YOUR LOCATION?

19 MR. SHEEHY: NO, SENATOR TORRES, I DON'T.  
20 AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME. I KNOW IN THIS  
21 ENVIRONMENT THIS IS NOT AN INSIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE.

22 CHAIRMAN TORRES: RIGHT. IF THERE'S NO  
23 FURTHER COMMENT OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD, THE  
24 CHAIR WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE  
25 SPECIFICATIONS WITH THE ADDITION OF THOSE ADDITIONAL

BARRISTERS' REPORTING SERVICE

1 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT DR. STEWARD WILL PROVIDE FOR ME  
2 AS WE MOVE FORWARD. IS THERE A MOTION?

3 DR. STEWARD: SO MOVED.

4 CHAIRMAN TORRES: IS THERE A SECOND?

5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: SECOND.

6 CHAIRMAN TORRES: THERE'S BEEN A MOTION  
7 AND A SECOND. I DON'T THINK WE NEED ANY FURTHER  
8 DISCUSSION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY -- I THINK  
9 WE NEED TO CALL THE ROLL ON THIS.

10 MS. BONNEVILLE: SHERRY LANSING. AL  
11 ROWLETT.

12 MR. ROWLETT: ABSTAIN.

13 MS. BONNEVILLE: JEFF SHEEHY.

14 MR. SHEEHY: YES.

15 MS. BONNEVILLE: OS STEWARD.

16 DR. STEWARD: YES.

17 MS. BONNEVILLE: JONATHAN THOMAS.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: YES.

19 MS. BONNEVILLE: ART TORRES.

20 CHAIRMAN TORRES: AYE.

21 THE MOTION CARRIES, FOUR AYES, ONE  
22 ABSTENTION.

23 THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE'LL  
24 ADJOURN THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

25 (THE MEETING WAS THEN CONCLUDED AT

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I, BETH C. DRAIN, A CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE IN THE MATTER OF ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT THE LOCATION INDICATED BELOW

THE CLAREMONT HOTEL  
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WAS HELD AS HEREIN APPEARS AND THAT THIS IS THE ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPT THEREOF AND THAT THE STATEMENTS THAT APPEAR IN THIS TRANSCRIPT WERE REPORTED STENOGRAPHICALLY BY ME AND TRANSCRIBED BY ME. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT THIS TRANSCRIPT IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING.

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