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**From:** Trish Spencer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:45 AM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Cc:** Liz Warmerdam; Janet Kern  
**Subject:** Fwd: Grand Street fire house

From: Laura Thomas  
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 10:09 AM  
Subject: Grand Street fire house  
To: Trish Spencer

Dear Mayor Spencer, Renewed Hope Housing Advocates is sorry to see that the city chose to sell the Grand Street Firehouse and adjoining house to a private builder whose plans appear to be building a duplex on the site. We would have far preferred the city to begin to follow through on what community organizations like ours and the Alameda Citizens Task Force, in a rare moment of agreement, have called for – 100 percent affordable projects sponsored by the city itself. That parcel is a big opportunity to offer some land to a non-profit developer, greatly assisting in one of the hardest parts of starting a project, finding suitable land. It would produced not a high rise but a two or three story apartment building housing 20 to 30 families – in keeping with nearby buildings built in the 1920s. It seems like a waste of valuable land in a time of outsized need. We hope the council seriously considers reshaping its land disposition policies with a view to beginning a land banking policy for future city-sponsored projects. Renewed Hope Housing Advocates