

## **Message for the Governing Board**

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Hello. I'm Eric. I have the privilege of currently serving as the Vice Chair for the Governing Board of San Francisco Chinese Alliance Church.

On behalf of the Board, I'd like to share a few thoughts which I hope will clarify what appears to be confusion and misinformation regarding the Main Building Revitalization project.

As a church, we are all bonded together in Jesus Christ. We must love each other such that this broken world will see that Christ provides healing and reconciliation. We must make every effort to keep peace in humility, gentleness and love.

In short, Christ demands of those committed to Him.

However, the recent animosity regarding the Main Building Revitalization project threatens the Christ-centered unity.

This must stop.

There are three critical points which you must understand.

**Firstly, the Main Building Revitalization project represents an idea.**

It is similar to someone drawing a picture of an imaginary dream house. That person draws diagrams, gathers information and calculates potential costs. These details brings life to what was once a vague concept.

Similarly, for over two years, various ministry teams had been working to bring the Main Building Revitalization idea to life. These teams had painstakingly researched, reviewed and sought input from various ministries. This has all been prayerfully considered.

The objective of all this diligence was to bring life to an idea. This is what Pastor Sam and various committee members have shared with you at the recent Town Hall meeting and other sessions before that.

**Secondly, the Governing Board had been fully informed and supportive of the Main Building Revitalization project since the beginning of the process.**

Since the very start of this project, Pastor Sam and the various committees had been fully transparent with this work. During this iterative process, they shared their thinking with the Governing Board. We provided feedback.

In fact, their work sparked important discussions regarding critical maintenance on the building. We would not have known this had it not been for their work.

Nothing about this project was hidden from the Governing Board. We the Board have encouraged the Main Building Revitalization team to solidify their vision and get it ready to share with you, the congregation.

We continue to firmly standing with this team and their ongoing work.

**Finally, the Main Building Revitalization project had not been approved to move forward.**

Unless you, the congregation, votes to approve this project, it remains only an idea. To be sure, it is a well-documented, planned out, detailed idea.

However, that is all it is. It is a concept for consideration.

Let me be exceedingly clear. The Main Building Revitalization project has not been approved to move forward. No commitments have been made either officially or unofficially. At the same time, the Governing board had been fully informed and supportive of the project since the beginning of the process two years ago.

I hope this helps clarify some of the confusion that recently have been raised.

Thank you.