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To:
Subject: Incorrect statements in CGO op-ed piece

Dear Bernie,

FYI, there were a lot of errors in your recent opinion piece on the CGO site. You are being misinformed. I hope you'll find a way to correct them soon.

1. The East and Main Wings of CGO were never on the market. The Legislative branch of Government wanted them - and got them.
2. The massive shopping mall has been rebranded - but it is still 90% of the original plan - and several stories deep - with an artificial "park" on its concrete roof. It is still a massive multi-storey shopping mall.
3. The idea that the proposed office block would house "public" financial institutions and authorities, is just that. An idea. There is nothing compelling such a tenant mix.
4. I believe that the Antiquities Advisory Board was not just being asked to grade all three buildings, but to also fulfill its statutory duty of providing advice "on any matters relating to antiquities". In this case, it was the historic value of the entire CGO site, (which the PMT report said had even greater historic value than the buildings) - not just the grading of the individual buildings.

We just learned from the Transport Department that the developer will be putting in a vehicle drop off area at the bottom of Battery Path, to be serviced by the proposed third lane on Ice House street, right at the entrance to the office block. There was nothing about this on any plans.

It is dreadful that this historic site should be vandalized in this way and fake drawings shown to the public.

We have no hidden agenda. We wear no masks. We are wearing our heart on our sleeve. We want our historic Government Hill, our heritage, to remain in public hands - and protected. This is our entire agenda.

Best,
Annelise