

ina all of the departments in the next two years,at least,will render imperative additional space for all of the office departments.

Under any possible plan which the Municipal Plans Commission can devise,we will be without any city hall building for several years. The interest on the rentals which we are now and immediately must pay,without figuring in the thousands of dollars which should be charged against us as rent for the premises we now occupy in this building,would pay the interest and retire a bond issue which would erect a building suitable for our needs for many years.

I earnestly recommend that at the earliest possible moment you submit to the people of this city the question of the voting of the sum of \$500,000.00,to be used for the erection of a building of the sky-scraper type,on the old city hall site at Third Avenue and Yesler Way. I would recommend that the foundations and structure be carried to such a height as will care for all of our present necessities. This building then at some future time could be reared to such a height as might be necessary,and if so constructed,the sum of \$500,000.00 would easily meet all requirements. Should the Civic Plans Commission recommend and should the people adopt some other plan with reference to a city hall,this building,if sensibly constructed as a modern business block (I have never seen any reason why the city should so its business in any other kind of a building) Will always be salable. Should it be deemed wise to cover the whole of the block between Third and Fourth Avenues,Yesler Way and Jefferson Streets at some future time,then the building can be easily planned as a detached part of the future whole. In any event,something must be speedily done to meet this situation.

I do not propose to have the will of the people of this city thwarted,and the legitimate uses of the present building much longer diverted,even if it becomes necessary to move somebody out into the street.