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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the Capitol Building Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Capitol Quilt Show Staff Recommendations

The Colorado Quilting Council exhibits quilts at the Capitol on a biennial basis. The most recent exhibit ended in August 2011. This memorandum identifies issues that the Capitol Building Advisory Committee (advisory committee) may want to consider when making recommendations to the Capital Development Committee about future quilt exhibits.

Exhibit timing. During the summer the public areas of the building, which lack good air flow, are very warm. This issue is exacerbated by the placement of the quilts, making for hot, uncomfortable conditions for visitors and Visitor Services staff. This issue might be avoided if the exhibit was on display during a cooler part of the year. The advisory committee may wish to consider a fall or holiday season exhibit rather than a summer exhibit.

Visitor Services staff also heard from visitors who were disappointed that they were unable to view the building's architectural details during the eleven-week quilt exhibit. The advisory committee may wish to consider a shorter exhibition.

Exhibit installation. Concerns have been raised by building tenants about noise and disruption associated with the installation. The advisory committee may wish to explore a weekend quilt exhibit installation. A weekend installation might drive a cost if it required extra security or Capitol Complex personnel to be present on a weekend. The issue of who would bear the cost would need to be explored further.