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Ms. Carol Armstrong, LARRMP Project Manager
City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600
Los Angeles, California 90015

**RE: Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan
Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement**

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

At our regularly held public meeting on March 13, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to submit the following comments on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report/Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement ("PEIR") for the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan ("Master Plan").

DLANC generally supports the Master Plan, including its goal of revitalizing the general environment of the Los Angeles River by providing improved natural habitat, economic values, and water quality, as well as recreation and open space amenities.

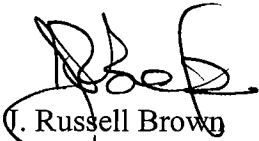
Furthermore, DLANC encourages the City of Los Angeles through the Ad Hoc River Committee to commence a public dialogue involving DLANC and other Downtown stakeholders for envisioning the specific revitalization projects proposed for the Downtown Industrial opportunity area. Specifically, DLANC believes that this dialogue should include consideration of project options that are consistent with other redevelopment efforts in and around Downtown Los Angeles, including the growth in residential development and the repair/replacement of the 6th Street Bridge.

These proposals, many of which have been presented at previous public meetings regarding the river revitalization, could include building over the existing rail yards to provide additional land for residential development that could be used to finance redevelopment efforts. Re-channelization of the existing river to create new park and open space areas, as has been done in downtown San Antonio and other cities, could also be considered. Projects proposed for Downtown should also consider the under-grounding of high-tension transmission and rail lines currently located along the river channel, and the potential use of the existing or re-located rail lines to provide additional commuter train service into Downtown.

DLANC looks forward to working with the Ad Hoc River Committee, the City of Los Angeles and other Downtown stakeholders to implement this groundbreaking plan. We believe the revitalization of the Los Angeles River will be a key component in the broader effort to make Downtown Los Angeles into a healthy and vibrant place for all Los Angelenos to live, work and play.

We kindly request a copy of the Final Master Plan and Final PEIR to DLANC at the address listed above. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



J. Russell Brown
President, Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

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