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February 13, 2008

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RE: Proposed Widening of 2nd Street between Los Angeles & Main Streets

Dear Ms. Robinson and Mr. Moore:

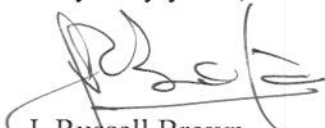
At its regularly held public meeting on February 12, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) voted to oppose the proposed widening of the north side of Second Street between Los Angeles and Main Streets.

DLANC generally supports the departments’ overall goals of promoting safe and efficient movement of vehicular traffic. At the same time, we have consistently supported efforts to encourage a more pedestrian-friendly Downtown. In particular, DLANC agrees with the principle of avoiding unnecessary street widenings, as set forth in the Draft Urban Design Guidelines developed by the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Urban Design Studio of the City Planning Department.

With respect to Second Street, we note that the street width on the block between Los Angeles and Main Streets is generally consistent with the street width throughout most of Downtown. Existing buildings along Second Street also make it highly unlikely that further widening efforts would be feasible. Further, a widening of that block would result in elimination of existing street trees on the north side of Second Street. DLANC believes the existing landscaping provides a necessary buffer for pedestrians between Second Street and the CalTrans Building, and should be preserved.

Please provide a copy to DLANC at the address listed above any subsequent directives, studies or other documents generated by your departments regarding any proposed street widenings in Downtown. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



J. Russell Brown
DLANC President

CC: Councilmember Jan Perry (Council District 9)
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