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April 9, 2008

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RE: Central City Community Plan Update

Dear Director Goldberg:

At its regularly held public meeting on April 8, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to submit the following comments regarding the proposed update of the Central City Community Plan, pursuant to the motion passed on March 26, 2008 by DLANC's Planning & Land Use Committee. The following recommendations are based on past experiences with similar planning processes in Downtown and its surrounding neighborhoods.

First, the community plan update process should reflect the fact that Downtown is an evolving mix of distinct neighborhoods, both new and old. In this regard, we suggest that future workshops and other outreach efforts be tailored to specific neighborhoods to ensure that the proposed plan accurately captures those distinctions, where appropriate. To achieve this goal, we suggest conducting workshops in different areas of Downtown, including Bunker Hill, the Civic Center, the Historic Core, South Park, and Central City East. Alternatively, consider break-out sessions specific to these areas in area-wide workshops.

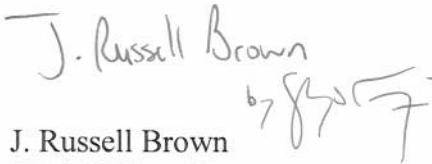
Second, we encourage the Planning Department to schedule outreach efforts at varying times to ensure participation from the wide variety of Downtown stakeholders, including residents, businesses, government agencies and cultural institutions.

Third, DLANC believes that the community planning effort can benefit from on-going review and input by an advisory board of key stakeholders. We recommend that the Planning Department invite key stakeholder organizations to participate in that effort, including DLANC and other area neighborhood councils, the Council Offices, the business improvement districts, the Central City Association, the Central City East Association, and South Park Stakeholders.

Finally, we encourage City Planning to evaluate whether Downtown redevelopment plans and other area land use plans should be updated at the same time as the Central City Community Plan.

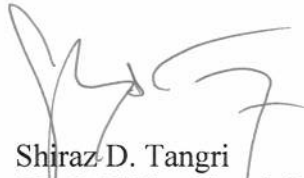
Please provide a copy of the decision letter to DLANC at the address listed above. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



J. Russell Brown
DLANC President

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Shiraz D. Tangri
DLANC Planning & Land Use Committee Co-Chair

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