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Los Angeles Department of City Planning
200 North Spring Street, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: **Planning Case #:** **CPC-2008-3417-GPA / ENV-2008-3611-MND**
Project Address: **Expansion of the Artists-In-Residence District**

Dear Director Goldberg:

At our regularly held public meeting on October 14, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to support the proposed expansion of the Artists-In-Residence District, pursuant to the September 25, 2008 recommendation of DLANC's Planning & Land Use Committee.

DLANC believes the expansion of the Artists-In-Residence District will facilitate the development of this unique emerging neighborhood, and remove a significant obstacle limiting investment in necessary and appropriate infrastructure. Further, DLANC supports the boundary change as consistent with DLANC's previous comments regarding the City's Industrial Land Use Policy, including those expressed in our January 9, 2008 letter (attached). In particular, DLANC believes that allowing mixed-use and residential projects in the expanded District will further the City's on-going efforts to re-green and revitalize the Los Angeles River.

We recognize the boundary expansion as an important first step for returning the eastern portion of Downtown into a distinct and vibrant area that can provide new homes and jobs for Angelenos. DLANC continues to encourage the City to engage with the neighborhood council and other stakeholders to work towards this shared goal.

Please provide a copy of the decision letter to DLANC at the address listed above. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

J. Russell Brown
DLANC President

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

Attachment A: DLANC Letter of January 9, 2008 re: Industrial Land Use Policy Project – Downtown

CC: Councilmember José Huizar/Tara Devine (Council District 14)
Cecilia V. Estolano (Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles)
Darlene Kuba/Steven Wechsler (Los Angeles Department of City Planning)