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Los Angeles Department of City Planning
Office of Zoning Administration, 6th Floor
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Planning Case #: ZA-2009-0467-CUB-CUX
Project Address: 800-810 S. Spring Street/801-811 S. Main Street – National City Tower
Applicant: Shaun Afshani

Dear Zoning Administrator:

At our regularly held public meeting on May 12, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) voted to support the CUB/CUX application for two proposed restaurants, a café/gourmet shop and a jazz club at the National City Tower building at 800-810 South Spring Street and 801-811 South Main Street, pursuant to the motion passed on April 21, 2009, by DLANC’s Planning & Land Use Committee.

In particular, DLANC encourages the City to grant the approvals requested by the applicant pursuant to L.A.M.C. Section 12.24 W-1 to permit the sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a proposed 2,158 square foot restaurant, a 3,072 square foot restaurant, and a 7,936 square foot jazz night club with patron dancing and live entertainment. DLANC further supports the request for off-site sales of beer and wine from a proposed 1,920 square foot café with gourmet shop.

In deciding to support the request, DLANC considered the volunteered conditions provided by the applicant, as well as input from the Los Angeles Police Department and other stakeholders in the vicinity. In DLANC’s view, the information presented provides adequate justification for granting the requested approvals, subject to any conditions recommended by the Police Department and/or the Council Office. DLANC supports the planned re-activation of the ground-floor and basement of this historic building to provide new nightlife uses serving Downtown’s employees, residents and visitors.

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

Very truly yours,

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J. Russell Brown
DLANC President

CC: Jessica Wethington McLean/Celina Mancina (Council District 14)
Sgt. Douglas Humphrey (LAPD)
Brandon Finch (EPG, Inc.)