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June 9, 2010

Los Angeles Department of City Planning
Office of Zoning Administration, 7th Floor
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Planning Case #: DIR-2010-1361 (RV)
Project Address: 1123 E. 7th Street – Ken’s Market

Dear Zoning Administrator:

At our regularly held public meeting on June 8, 2010, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) voted to submit the following comments regarding the operation of Ken’s Market at 1117-1123 East 7th Street and 675-677 South Kohler Street, pursuant to the motion passed on June 1, 2010, by DLANC’s Planning & Land Use Committee.

DLANC supports the Planning Department’s efforts to prevent nuisance activities at Ken’s Market, and encourages the Zoning Administrator to consider discontinuing the sale and distribution of alcohol from this location, or to impose stringent corrective conditions as recommended by the Los Angeles Police Department and/or Council District 14 to ensure that the site does not contribute to further nuisances and/or illegal activities in its vicinity. In deciding to submit these comments, DLANC considered the information provided to the Planning & Land Use Committee by the Central City East Association and other stakeholders in the project’s vicinity, and input from the Los Angeles Police Department. The information presented to DLANC demonstrates that this location has a history of repeated nuisance activities related to alcohol sales and illegal drug use which negatively impact the site and its surrounding neighborhood, and unduly taxes the City’s law enforcement and other resources.

Further, DLANC notes that the nuisance violations in the area are not solely caused by this location, but are contributed to by other businesses in the vicinity which are allowed to sell alcohol without a conditional use permit or other zoning conditions imposed to protect the surrounding community from adverse impacts. DLANC strongly encourages the City to comprehensively evaluate all such locations within the Central City East community in Downtown and consider whether legislative or other regulatory changes are necessary to curb these impacts, which have a severe negative impact on the stakeholders in this recovery zone, as well as on the revitalization of Downtown as a whole.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Russell Brown". The signature is stylized and cursive. There are some faint, illegible markings in the background behind the signature.

J. Russell Brown
DLANC President

CC: Tara Devine/Edel Vizcarra (Council District 14)
Sgt. Douglas Humphrey (Los Angeles Police Department)
Estela Lopez (Central City East Association)