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April 11, 2011

Mr. Michael Lo Grande
 Director of City Planning
 Los Angeles City Hall, Room 525
 200 North Spring Street
 Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Proposed AEG Downtown L.A. Event Center and Farmers Field

Dear Planning Commissioners:

At our regularly held public meeting on March 8, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) voted to submit the following comments regarding the proposal by Anschutz Entertainment Group (“AEG”) to develop a new Downtown sports stadium and redevelop the Los Angeles Convention Center, pursuant to the motion passed on February 22, 2011, by DLANC’s Planning & Land Use Committee.

DLANC is strongly supportive of AEG’s proposal for Farmers Field and the L.A. Event Center. The project will continue the re-activation of Downtown L.A. as a sports and entertainment destination, building upon the development of Staples Center and LA Live!. Those projects demonstrate AEG’s proven track record in creating world-class entertainment facilities that also serve to enhance the surrounding commercial and residential districts. AEG has shown through those projects that it knows how to deliver high-quality facilities and significant community benefits. The new facilities will be critical to continuing the growth of Downtown L.A. as a world-renowned destination for millions of tourists and other visitors.

DLANC believes that the current project proposal will be a major catalyst for the continuing renaissance of Downtown L.A., which has benefitted from billions of dollars of public and private investment over the last decade. The project will add new construction and operational jobs in the region’s largest employment center. In addition to the employment generated by the project itself, the stadium and revitalized convention center has the potential to stimulate other businesses in the project vicinity.

DLANC applauds AEG’s approach to developing the project in a location that maximizes the synergy between the Convention Center and the new stadium. As with AEG’s other Downtown projects, the stadium proposal will bring new iconic architecture to Downtown L.A. as well as good urban design. Further, these facilities will benefit from the region’s investment in transit due to their proximity to the existing light rail station, as well as infrastructure projects currently under development like the Regional Connector, the Figueroa Corridor streetscape improvements, and the Downtown LA Streetcar.

DLANC applauds AEG's efforts to create an environmentally sustainable project that will enhance the pedestrian-oriented character of the South Park area. DLANC encourages the City to work with AEG to address parking and traffic circulation issues in a manner that is consistent with the urban environment and takes advantage of existing and future infrastructure improvements in and around Downtown L.A.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Very truly yours,



Patricia Berman
DLANC President

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

CC: Hon. Jan Perry (Council District 9 c/o Marie Rumsey)
Nicholas Maricich/Patricia Diefenderfer (City Planning Department)
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