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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-2010-1887-CUB**  
**Project Address: 155 S. Main Street – Restaurant Lease Terms**  
**Applicant: L.A. Reflection**

To City officials:

At the April 19, 2011 DLANC Planning committee meeting, the committee had a presentation from the owners of LA Reflection restaurant. The restaurant is the tenant of the new LAPD Headquarters building, which is part of the separate auditorium and community amenities provided on the campus.

DLANC has been very involved from the beginning in the design of the campus and the community facilities. The RFP for the facilities were required to include a food service facility, open to the public with eyes on the open space facing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The news stand fronting Main Street was also part of those community facilities.

DLANC also has managed monthly clean up events to maintain the open space adjacent to the restaurant as part of its concern for the public amenities.

As terms of the contract, the City of LA was to provide a leasable space that was ready for tenant improvements. Significant delay was caused by budget over runs, changes of uses, incorrect plans, construction errors and incorrect placement of ventilation equipment. The delay in construction and other issues caused the turnover of the facility to be almost a year late. After significant communication was unable to resolve the issues, legal action was initiated. The restaurant operator won that court case.

DLANC expresses support for the restaurant and hospitality facility on site, as promised to the community and planned on the campus. DLANC also supports the operator in requesting that the City

of LA comply with its allowed contract schedule for build out. That schedule provides a 9 month period for build out and opening from the date that the facilities are released from City possession and with proper approvals in place.

DLANC board at its May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting has approved this letter of support for LA Reflections Restaurant and requests the City comply with appropriate conditions to facilitate the restaurant opening and all necessary approvals needed for the business to start as quickly as possible.

Very truly yours,



Patricia Berman  
DLANC President

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

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