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Ms. Patricia Berman, President  
Mr. Dan Curnow, Chair, Livability Committee  
Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

Dear Ms. Berman and Mr. Curnow:

On behalf of the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD), we appreciate you taking the time to reach out to express your concerns over the recent significant fires on Boyd Street and Mateo Street. We share your position that businesses in the downtown area must comply with relevant state and local codes.

While the fire investigation continues, the LAFD has launched a citywide review of all businesses similar to the type of business which injured our Firefighters at the Boyd incident. This review will include personnel from every Fire Station conducting a "Windshield Survey" to identify these businesses. The results of the "Windshield Survey" will be transmitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB), so that a thorough inspection can be performed by our FPB Fire Inspectors.

If stored unregulated hazardous material are identified, a team of FPB Fire Inspectors will enforce the fire code and proceed with processing a legal packet for the City Attorney's review and processing. All other relevant fire code requirements will also be inspected. These elements include the need for a Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) permit, proper storage, access, interior signage, Manufacture Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) record keeping and many others. The storage of hazardous material and/or the CUPA permit requirement would mandate annual inspections of these properties by FPB Fire Inspectors.

We will continue to work closely with the listed agencies in your letter to ensure that public safety remains a priority. Please, feel free to contact our Fire Marshal, Deputy Chief, Kristin Crowley, [kristin.crowley@lacity.org](mailto:kristin.crowley@lacity.org), with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mayor's Office  
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LAFD and Fire Commissioners