



June 9, 2020

Re: Request for **Expedition of Annual Inspections of Businesses and Wholesalers in DTLA**

To Whom It May Concern:

At our regularly held public meeting on June 9, 2020, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments below:

On Saturday, May 16, Downtown Los Angeles was faced with a structure fire on Boyd Street that led to the injury of twelve firefighter and significant destruction of property. A few days later, the Los Angeles City Fire Department again faced a structure fire at a textile warehouse at 1914 S. Mateo Street. This fire again put fire responders and surrounding properties at risk of injury and damage.

Downtown Los Angeles, with its diversity in business types including retail, wholesale, and manufacturing, is no stranger to commercial or industrial incidents. However, these two events emphasize the importance of ensuring the compliance of businesses with relevant state and municipal codes. Such inspections are paramount to ensuring the continued safety and well-being of all stakeholders in Downtown, especially our fire responders.

We therefore ask that the Los Angeles City Fire Department and the Department of Cannabis Regulation expedite the annual inspection of businesses and wholesalers in Downtown Los Angeles, especially those that may pose a threat to the safety of the community. We also ask that the listed agencies expedite code-enforcement effort to ensure future incidents such as those on Mateo and Boyd streets can be prevented.

Sincerely,

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Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Department of Cannabis Regulation  
Cannabis Regulation Commission