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December 2, 2024

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, President, Los Angeles City Council
Hon. Eunisses Hernandez, Councilmember, CD 1
Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5
Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11
Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10
Hon. Nithya Raman, Councilwoman, CD 4

Via email and submission to the City Clerk online filing portal in CF 24-1128

Re: Council File 24-1128 (report on incomplete/abandoned construction)

Dear Officials:

As you know, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, in Council Districts 5 and 11 and portions of Council Districts 4 and 10. Our Alliance collectively represents over 500,000 Angelenos.

WRAC Member Councils have long experience with abandoned or incomplete construction projects throughout the Westside which present risks to public health and safety. As a result, a majority eight (8) of WRAC Member Councils have passed the following motion or modified versions in keeping with its spirit, which is now an adopted position of WRAC.

“The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) believes that there is a clear need for oversight and accountability for negligent property owners and developers who allow construction sites to remain incomplete and/or abandoned for extended time periods. WRAC therefore supports CF 24-1128 (Hernandez), which calls for a report back by LADBS on consequences and solutions to the problem of abandoned / incomplete construction sites, which pose a risk of fire and other hazards and are a threat to public safety and welfare.”

The following WRAC Members have passed the above motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council;* Brentwood Community Council; Del Rey Neighborhood Council; Neighborhood Council Westchester-Playa; Pacific Palisades Community Council; West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council; Westside Neighborhood Council;* and Westwood Neighborhood Council (*modified versions). No Member Councils have advised that they have voted to oppose the above motion.

Recognizing that the motion in the above-referenced Council File passed in Council and became final on November 20, 2024, we submit this letter to ensure that WRAC’s position on this important matter is on record with the City. We hope and trust that the directed report-back will be completed expeditiously by LADBS. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair, and Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair
Westside Regional Alliance of Council

cc: Osama Younan, General Manager/Superintendent of Building, LADBS