



CITY HALL  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

June 30, 2016

Honorable Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395, City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Status of Proposition Q

Dear Mayor Garcetti and City Council Members:

As you know, the Proposition Q Citizen Oversight Committee has the responsibility to make sure that the construction of police, fire and emergency facilities under the Proposition Q bond is completed on time and within budget. March 2016 marked 14 years since the voters passed this bond issue. The City's voters, who supported the bond measure with 67 percent approval, can be proud of their investment.

Our committee's first responsibility is to assure that these projects are completed within the \$600,000,000 budget (plus interest earnings) approved by the voters. We are pleased to report that, despite severe inflation in the construction industry, all original projects were completed within the budget allocated. We commend the Program Management Team (Bureau of Engineering, Police Department and City Administrative Officer) for their creative work in adapting to the steep increase in construction and materials cost in order to keep these projects within budget.

As you know from our previous correspondences, our committee has brought to your attention concerns about various issues relating to the Proposition Q Bond Program. At this time we would like to state our concerns about the Police Academy renovation project, as it relates to gender equity. The Police Academy Renovation Project is a \$44.14 million project to renovate substantial portions of the Police Academy facility. It was brought to our attention that the renovated men's facility includes renovations to a sauna. However, the women's facilities do not include a sauna. Men's facilities, including the sauna in question, are within a historic facility which cannot be substantially altered. Women's facilities are currently in a separate building which is not part of the renovation project area. Notwithstanding this, we view the fact that women not having access to an amenity offered to men is resulting in unequal access and

Honorable Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
Page 2

treatment for female employees of the Police Department. The use of sauna facilities can help with employee stress reduction. We urge the City to take necessary steps to provide male and female users of the Police Academy with equivalent sauna amenities.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irene Tovar". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Best regards,".

Irene Tovar, Chair  
Proposition Q Citizens Oversight Committee