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April 23, 2012

Paul Krekorian, Councilmember 2nd District Chairperson, Budget & Finance Committee Los Angeles City Council

c/o Erika Pulst City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Room 395 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Krekorian:

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING FY 2012-13 PROPOSED BUDGET

In accordance with your letter dated March 27, 2012, the Bureau of Engineering appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Mayor's FY 2012-13 Proposed Budget. With the proposed reduction of 17 regular authority positions for FY 2012-13, the Bureau will be at the lowest regular positions budgeted since the early 1970's. Since FY 2008-09, the Bureau has sacrificed considerably as our regular positions have been reduced by a total of 277 positions or nearly 30%.

The Bureau will continue prioritizing capital projects in the following order: emergencies; on-going construction; special-funded/reimbursable; and general funded. As the Bureau continues to lose staff as a result of attrition and transfers, project delivery schedules will be lengthened. In addition, the Bureau will have near-zero staff availability to provide feasibility studies, programming, concept plans, and scoping for projects that are not already approved in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program.

For the Bureau's Development Services Program (the constituent services and permit activities), all four Engineering District offices have been maintained. The emphasis at our Engineering District offices will continue to be on plan checking and related work. followed by public counter assistance. For FY 2012-13, in accordance with the City's Financial Policies regarding full cost recovery for special services, the Bureau has proposed raising its fees for permits, special engineering and land development services.

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To meet our anticipated commitments in the coming year, the Bureau requests as much management flexibility as possible, including the ability to fill current and future vacant positions. The Bureau is committed to delivering the City's approved capital projects and supporting development reform. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 485-4935.

Sincerely,

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City Engineer

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