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Planning and Land Use Management Committee *via e-mail: sharon.gin@lacity.org*
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File, CF 13-0046, Item No. (2) On the 10/08/2013 PLUM Agenda

Dear Committee Chairs:

I am a commercial real estate broker specializing in investment sales and retail leasing in the Los Angeles area and I support the transfer of development services programs of multiple City departments to create a one new development services department.

My support of this re-alignment is based on over twenty years of doing business in the City of Los Angeles whereby I have helped develop approximately 1,000 apartment units. And, have firsthand knowledge of how difficult it has been working with the silo culture of the Department of Building and Safety as well as the Department of City Planning.

On the retail leasing front, without going into the details, the lack of communication and sharing of documents between Building and Safety and the Planning Department caused a minimum four week delay in the permitting of an 8,000SF restaurant in Downtown Los Angeles. In this case, I represent both the Landlord and Tenant which both have incurred an economic loss due to the silo effect of these two departments.

I encourage the PLUM committee chairs to vote in favor of the re-alignment without delay.

Sincerely,

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