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**STATEMENT of J.H. McQUISTON on  
 CITY'S SEISMIC-SAFETY CODE**

Honorable President and Members of the Council:

We should recognize that **Public Safety is a primary City objective. The City is unsafe unless its Seismic Code provides adequate safety.** *City may not unload its responsibility for public-safety upon the State.*

**I know as a Registered Professional the City's Seismic Code does not provide adequate safety.**

**I know California law does not excuse the City for not providing an adequate Seismic Code.** *Seismic hazards are "local". Public Resources Code Sections 2621-2630 ("Alquist-Priolo") prescribes:*

**"2624.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, **cities and counties may do any of the following:**

**"(1) Establish policies and criteria which are stricter** than those established by this chapter.

**"(2) Impose and collect fees in addition to those required under this chapter.**

**"(3) Determine not to grant exemptions authorized under this chapter."**

**Constitution Article XI Sec 7 provides:**

**"A county or city may make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary, and other laws not in conflict with general laws."**

**It is the City's duty to assure that its Seismic Code provides adequate safety for its inhabitants.**

**"Seismic safety" does not require impregnable buildings but does require reasonable-survivability of City's inhabitants after forecasted-level of seismic events. City now is non-compliant with reasonable forecasts.**

**Please do not continue to ignore Seismic Safety non-compliance. It must be corrected immediately.**

Non-compliance is a substantial political issue.

**Continued non-compliance unreasonably-threatens people's safety and our City's assets and survivability.**

Respectfully submitted, J. H. McQuiston

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