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Honorable Councilmember Curren Price, Chair Honorable Councilmember Gil Cedillo, Vice Chair Honorable Councilmember Paul Krekorian Honorable Councilmember Nury Martinez Honorable Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson

Economic Development Committee 200 N. Spring Street, Room 420 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Grand Avenue Project

Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Members:

The Music Center has worked closely with Related on the Grand Park and we are in full support the Grand Avenue Project. We urge you to reaffirm the City's contributions to make the project a reality. The Music Center also operates Grand Park which has been an amazing addition to the downtown landscape both as a destination and in support of this growing residential neighborhood. Related implemented that project based on the agreements made in 2008, at its expense, during the economic downturn and it's been a huge benefit to all of us.

We are also very supportive of the next phase, Parcel Q, which is right across the street from our Walt Disney Concert Hall. Having the current parking garage transformed to include a plaza opening up to the Concert Hall and connecting it to the other arts institutions and all the way down to the downtown business district is a very significant project for Los Angeles.

Walt Disney Concert Hall will also be joined by a fully realized Frank Gehry design on the other side of the street. The value of improving both sides of Grand Avenue with the Parcel Q design can't be underestimated. With the new Metro Regional Connector project, it also provides a great environment for pedestrians and streetscape improvements to encourage the use of transit in visiting our cultural institutions downtown.

Thank you for your visionary support of the Grand Avenue Project.

With best regards.

Rachel S. Moore President and CEO