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The Honorable Jose Huizar, Chair
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: 900 and 909 West Temple Street, DIR-2013-3749-SPR-1A

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Dear Councilmember Huizar:

Established in 1924, Central City Association (CCA) is L.A.'s premier business advocacy association whose 450 members employ over 300,000 people throughout the Los Angeles region. On behalf of CCA, I am writing to offer our support for the proposed pedestrian bridge across Temple Street in connection with the Da Vinci Apartments project.

Over the last 15 years, CCA has championed the Downtown Renaissance both through its advocacy efforts, and by attracting new residential development projects to the Downtown area. In part through our efforts, the Downtown population has grown to over 50,000 residents as housing units replace empty lots and dilapidated buildings. Despite this unprecedented growth, occupancy rates consistently exceed 97%, demonstrating that a substantial demand for housing remains.

CCA supports the proposed pedestrian bridge at the West Temple Street location due to pervasive public safety concerns. The Da Vinci project is located near a well-known and growing homeless encampment, which the City and private property owners have little ability to address

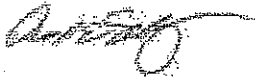
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given current legal battles. A pedestrian bridge will allow residents and staff to safely travel between the Da Vinci buildings, day or night. The bridge will facilitate easy access to onsite amenities while addressing the public safety concerns related to the homeless encampment.

For these reasons, I urge the Planning and Land Use Management Committee to support the G.H. Palmer Associates' request for a pedestrian bridge as part of the Da Vinci project.

Sincerely,



Carol E. Schatz
President & CEO

cc: Councilmember Gil Cedillo
Councilmember Mitch Englander
Tanner Blackman, Council District 14
Gerald Gubatan, Council District 1
Hannah Lee, Council District 12
Sharon Gin, City Clerk

3 attachments

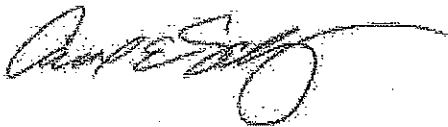


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