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## **Comments ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Agenda No. 4-CF 14-1383 LA Convention Center Design Competition Results**

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We understand there are no plans to release the scoring of the competition. Usually this is made available to the public when contractors are chosen. We do not understand why there is a deviation of the process. The public should have the right to know.

There were 14 Task Order Solicitations for this request. Bureau of Engineering, under the purview of the Board of Public Works, is not the agency that should be directing this project.

How many Task Orders are to anticipated during the course of the project?

You have underplayed the role of the LA Convention and Exhibition Center Authority (Authority), a Joint Powers Authority, with Mark-Roos jurisdiction. You have also not supplied that entity with a budget. The Authority is a related entity, reported on the Consolidated Annual Financial Report. The Authority can be sued.

The appointed County and City Authority Commissioners appear to be very qualified for their role.

CAO has been removed on the contracting aspect of the Los Angeles Department of Convention and Tourism Development. Diversity is an issue addressed by the Authority and not reflected in any of the work, so far.

The Board of Los Angeles Department of Convention and Tourism Development Commissioners does not have the experience or jurisdiction of the financing of the building and should not have jurisdiction over the dictates of the Expansion and Renovation Project. You have authorized use of the Department's budget. Again, you neglect to fund the Authority.

We are unclear if the Municipal Facilities Committee will have jurisdiction. Do they have the expertise for a convention center expansion of the magnitude to attract national and international events? Does the CAO jurisdiction remain along with the Department of Convention and Tourism Development?

Design choice is just the beginning. More importantly are the Environmental Impact and Mitigation findings to proceed with a safe facility. The project is within a FAULT ZONE and METHANE ZONE.

We question the inclusion of a Hotel on the site (not part of this design). With the Air Rights under the jurisdiction of the CRALA successor agencies and not qualified as governmental use and Staples, it is questionable that the site can remain tax-exempt for issuance of bonds. Public-Private Partnerships will cloud that issue even more.

Can the project proceed successfully without the hotel capacity to book those conventions anticipated?

The choice presented does not take into account aspects of robotics and other technology in today's market that modernizes the convention experience.

The public needs to know how this project will benefit them as they are requested to see the equity from an asset used to incur more debt, instead of retired debt. The Hotel and Tourism Industry benefits, but that Public Benefit has never been expressed.

This should not be a project solely for the Mayor's legacy.

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