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SUBJECT: REPORTS REQUESTED BY HOUSING COMMITTEE – COUNCIL FILE NO. 14-1697-S1

Honorable Council Members:

As directed by the Housing Committee, the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) has obtained information from the California State Contractors License Board (CSLB) regarding the number of licensed contractors eligible to do the necessary construction work required for the Soft Story Retrofit Program. The CSLB reports, as of January 1, 2015, that there are **102,284** General Contractors that possess a "B" license (minimum level to do the retrofit work) in the State. The following numbers represent "B" General Contractors listed in Los Angeles County and neighboring counties who would likely service the City:

County	Number of General Contractors
Los Angeles	19,712
San Bernardino	3,888
Kern	1,363
Orange	8,390
Ventura	2,528
Riverside	4,859
San Diego	8,535
Imperial	138
Santa Barbara	1,370
San Luis Obispo	1,699
Total	52,482

Additionally, the CSLB reports that there are **3,269** licensed "C8" Concrete contractors and **370** licensed "C51" structural steel contractors that General Contractors can use to sub-contract work on these types of projects.

DBS has also requested data from the CSLB for the number of civil and structural engineers. The data has not yet been received; however, we did receive the total numbers of licensed engineers. As of June 26, 2015, there are **55,816** licensed civil engineers and **4,173** structural engineers.

Please note that each CSLB licensed contractor can operation anywhere in the State.

Sincerely,

Frank Bush
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