November 10, 2015

The Honorable Nury Martinez, Chair
The Honorable Paul Krekorian
The Honorable Joe Buscaino
The Honorable Mitch O'Farrell
The Honorable David Ryu

Re: 2015-16 First Construction Projects Report (Council File No. 15-1240)

Dear Chairwoman Martinez:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on item #1 before the Entertainment and Facilities Committee today, the CAO report relative to the First Construction Projects Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. As you are well aware, this report recommends funding adjustments needed to keep various construction projects on track.

I support the CAO’s recommendations contained in this report and specifically draw your attention to item O on page 11, the GSD project at 412 Paseo Miramar - Remedial Grading and Drainage project funded with $120,000 from the Gas Tax Street Improvement Fund. This project site is owned by the City, as a result of a settlement stemming from a landslide at this and adjacent properties. The City subsequently demolished the building on the property for safety reasons. Some remedial work is required to maintain the property, and BOE’s Geotechnical Engineering Group recommends a study of various improvements to the vacant lot in order to improve the overall stability of the slope. With the El Niño predictions clear, I am very concerned that this slope is at risk of failure and the City should continue to do everything it can in order to prevent slope failure and protect the public safety in the area. To that end, I support the request from BOE to amend this item in the CPR and allocate an additional $75,000 which would allow for enhanced geotechnical work on this site.

Thank you for your support and attention to this matter.

Regards,

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