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Los Angeles City Council
PLUM Committee
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Objection to Lack of Rescheduled Hearing Notice for the Lorena Plaza Mixed Use Project, located at 3407-3415 E. First Street; 114, 116, and 126 N. Lorena Street, Los Angeles, Case Numbers: ENV-2014-2392-MND; DIR-2015-1998-DB; Council File No. 16-0503; Agenda Item No. 6 on PLUM Committee August 8, 2017 meeting agenda.

Honorable President Huizar and Members of the PLUM Committee:

This firm and the undersigned represent El Mercado de Los Angeles (hereinafter "El Mercado"). In our last correspondence to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee ("PLUM Committee"), we specifically asked to be notified of all hearings in the above-referenced matter:

"Please keep this office on the list of interested persons to receive timely notice of all hearings, votes, determinations and official filings related to the proposed approval of a mixed-use building at 126 N. Lorena Street, commonly known as the Lorena Plaza Mixed Use Project (the "Project" or "Lorena Plaza"), submitted by project proponent A Community of Friends ("ACOF" or "Applicant"). (Silverstein Comment Letter dated May 16, 2017, p. 1.)

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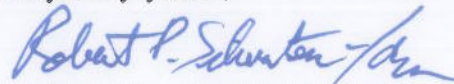
In addition, in our January 4, 2017 letter to Planning Director Bertoni, we specifically asked for “advance written notice of any and all meetings, hearings and votes in any way related to the above-referenced proposed project and any related projects/entitlements/actions related to the above-referenced proposed project.”

Despite these written requests on behalf of El Mercado, which is an appellant in these proceedings, the City has failed to provide proper advance notice of tomorrow’s PLUM hearing. We only learned of it by happenstance last night.

If the PLUM Committee goes forward on August 8 with a hearing on the Lorena Plaza project, our client will have received neither adequate notice nor sufficient time to review and respond to the significant new materials that have been submitted to the Council File.

We specifically note that the mailing list for the PLUM Committee Hearing notice includes neither our client nor our law firm. In the absence of constitutionally adequate notice of the PLUM Committee’s continued hearing date, we strenuously object to the conduct of any hearing on August 8, 2017, and request that you reschedule it to a date perhaps later this month or next month to allow sufficient time for review of materials and preparation of new materials in response. Under the current conditions, the City has not even complied with its usual LAMC requirements regarding notice to an appellant, much less constitutional notice requirements.

Very truly yours,



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