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**Council File: 16-1462 Alexan Project**

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To: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org

*To City Clerk  
Room 395  
City Hall,  
200 N spring St.  
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*This letter is written to protest the proposed project The Alexan at Hill and 9th in DTLA.*

*I have been a long time resident of dtla (unlike most of the council members, mayor and other elected city officials who are supposed to have our best interests at heart) and have watched the downtown area grow and flourish as existing buildings have been remodeled and a few new modern buildings have been designed to weave appropriately into the fabric and design on the outskirts of the historical area in dtla. I've also happily welcomed the new businesses that have moved into the area and who also, seamlessly, for the most part adapted to the urban and historical feel. Where the areas are more modern and allow for nondescript high rise development, I've been happy to see that development take place away from the historical core yet still be close enough that those residents can still visit and play in the historical core, tasting the unique offerings this area has to share.*

*I've written many times how much I love the Eastern Columbia building and that it was the reason I actually moved downtown. While I still love the Eastern and dtla, I am dismayed with what is happening now. The original development of downtown focused on bring back what made dtla so great. The current development is misguided and I don't see managed and intentional growth with a purpose, but skyscrapers out of every window on multiple levels, building those nondescript buildings that no one wants to or can afford to live in. I see vacancies at every building, especially at my corner. Level 1 has more rooms empty than occupied. The turnover at the black stone of which i have a front row seat rarely has long term and on the 9th street side alone, there are always 6-8 empty lofts. They leave the lights on at night so you can see just how empty. The other thing I see is gridlock and mayhem at every street corner and am dismayed that it takes me longer to navigate through 5-10 blocks to get out of dtla than it takes me to travel many many miles to reach a destination. There is more crime now and as the victim of a violent crime that still leaves me with medical problems, I am disturbed that the city can afford to woo businesses, residents, and visitors to come to dtla but can't afford to protect them. I am upset that all of this "growth" has created such a shortage of parking that friends no longer visit and customers don't come because parking is so expensive and difficult.*

*All of the things that are currently happening with this overgrowth will eventually cave the system and eventually dtla will be back where it started.*

*When I purchased at Eastern Columbia in 2006, I was told the site where the Alexan is hoping to build was entitled to a building and was shown the building it was entitled to. I purchased on that premise. That is not the building that is being discussed. The building that is being discussed now is 29 stories tall without a single redeeming quality next to the gorgeous Eastern Building that has been a significant icon of dtla and beyond. The Alexan is being built solely for the profit of Trammel Crowe and the COAST group. Yes, it might create some jobs for a couple of years, but that same building could also be built in the same style in South Park and completely fit in.*

*Please listen to the people who live here and will be affected by this huge building.*

*Thank you for your time and listening to my words.*

*Jan McCarthy*

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