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August 25, 2017

Vincent P. Bertoni, AICP, Director  
City of Los Angeles  
Department of City of Planning  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Comment Letter re File #17-0025, 2130 E. Violet St**

Dear Director Bertoni,

It has come to my attention that the City of Los Angeles plans to review Lowe Enterprises' proposed 9-story high rise office building at 2130 Violet St., pending recommendation from the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. I am confident in the Department's ability to lead our growing city in a direction that protects the health of our community and of the environment. That being said, I do hope to ensure that you are aware of the concerns in my district surrounding the project's environmental impact.

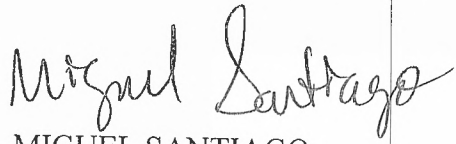
As you may be aware, the site in question previously housed a metal recycling plant. An August 2015 Phase II Environmental Site Assessment documented high levels of contaminants including Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons as Diesel (TPH-D) in the soil. I was pleased to see the report in *LA Weekly* on June 1, 2017 in which the city called upon Lowe Enterprises to work with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) in preparing a plan to clean up the site.

I am growing concerned the proposed development will be approved before DTSC will have had a chance to solicit community input and/or to complete a comprehensive clean-up plan. Without these two pieces, the project poses a risk not only to future users, but also to the surrounding community during construction. As you are well aware, the community has made its feelings well known about similar, unilateral actions taken at Exide and a nearby factory. For these reasons, I am highlighting my concerns relating to environmental quality. My hope is that the City of Los Angeles ensures that Lowe Enterprises continues to work with DTSC to develop a comprehensive clean-up plan and that they abide by that plan.

If there is anything my office could be of assistance with during this process please do not hesitate to reach our district office at (213) 620-6319.



Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miguel Santiago". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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