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April 23, 2018

Honorable Members of the City Council  
Budget and Finance Committee  
C/o Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Richard Williams, Legislative Assistant

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY'S COMMENTS ON THE MAYOR'S FY 2018-19 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Honorable Councilmembers:

In accordance with the direction from Honorable Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chair of Budget and Finance Committee, in his letter to Heads of All Departments et al, dated February 26, 2018, the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) respectfully transmits this response regarding its review of the Mayor's FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget.

**The Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) fully supports the Mayor's Proposed Budget.** The Department is funded primarily by the LADBS Building Permit Enterprise Fund (new construction functions) and the General Fund (primarily code enforcement functions).

LADBS Enterprise Fund construction activity has increased by approximately 105% in construction valuation over the past five fiscal years (from \$3.8 billion in FY 2012-13 to \$7.8 billion in FY 2016-17). The positions proposed in our budget support the Mayor's Back-to-Basics Budget Priorities and will enable us to maintain the high customer service levels we have worked hard to establish.

We look forward to discussing the budget and related matters with the Committee. If LADBS or I can be of assistance or provide additional information ahead of our hearing, I can be reached at (213) 482-6800. Additional details may also be provided by Steve Ongele, Assistant General Manager and Chief of LADBS' Resource Management Bureau, at (213) 482-6703.

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