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VIA E-MAIL

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair
Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.
Councilmember Gilbert A. Cedillo
Councilmember John S. Lee

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Re: **CEQA Appeal of Case No. ZA-2016-1630-CUB-1A; 2595 South Hoover Street**

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

Our law firm represents Hoover Adams Holdings, LLC, in defense of its application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for onsite consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,550 sq. foot restaurant with 32 indoor seats and proposed hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. to 11 :00 p.m., daily (the “**Project**”). The above-referenced application was approved by the Zoning Administrator on March 14, 2010 and unanimously approved again on appeal by the South Area Planning Commission (“**APC**”) on June 14, 2019. Both the Zoning Administrator and the South APC determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“**CEQA**”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 1, Class 5, and Category 35. However, on June 22, 2019, the appellant who filed the original appeal submitted a CEQA appeal to the City Council to challenge this determination again.

We are not writing to discuss the merits of the appeal, but rather to discuss our extreme disappointment that the CEQA appeal hearing has not yet been scheduled before the Planning and Land Use Management (“**PLUM**”) Committee. Despite the numerous requests we have made to the office of PLUM Committee Chair, Councilmember Harris-Dawson, to schedule the hearing, we have yet to hear a response. As mentioned above, the CEQA appeal was filed on June 22, 2019, which was nearly four months ago and exactly 117 days prior to the date of this letter.

The recently-approved CEQA Appeal Ordinance (No. 186254) requires the City Council to hear and decide the matter within seventy-five (75) days of the filing of a CEQA Appeal, or upon a determination that good cause exists, continue the matter for a reasonable period of time. The City Council has done neither, and the deadline to respond to our request for a hearing has long-since passed.

Therefore, we respectfully ask the PLUM Committee to schedule the CEQA appeal hearing no later than the Thanksgiving holiday so that we may given the opportunity to defend this appeal and give our client closure after such an unnecessary lengthy process.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter, and please contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Kindest Regards,



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