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To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 13-1357-S2, at its meeting held January 14, 2014.



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MOTION

Past earthquakes in the City of Los Angeles have proven the vulnerability of wood-frame residential buildings as well as older concrete buildings. Soft-story buildings built before 1978 are particularly at risk during an earthquake because their ground floors generally have perimeter walls that lack adequate strength, causing such building to pancake. Another report asserts that concrete buildings built before 1976 are vulnerable because they do not have enough steel reinforcement to hold columns in place, causing such buildings to collapse.

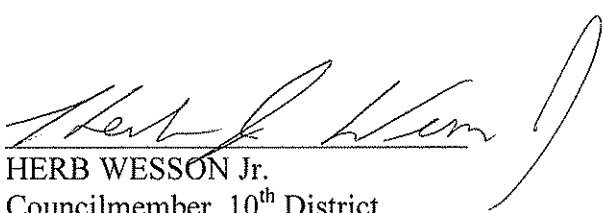
These dangers expose thousands to injury or death. The City must obtain a comprehensive and accurate assessment of the extent of the problem and the risks posed by un-retrofitted soft-story and concrete buildings. However, we must also be aware of the related costs involved in any effort to require such retrofitting.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the CAO be directed to report on the feasibility of a bond program(s) to assist the retrofit of wood-frame soft-story residential buildings (built prior to 1978) and non-ductile concrete buildings (built prior to 1976), to ensure seismic safety in the City of Los Angeles.

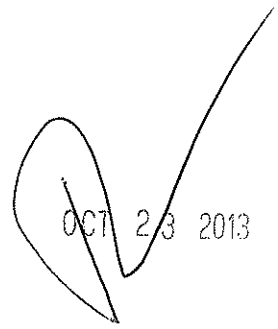
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