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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Re-Development of Marina Del Rey Harbor

Dear Supervisors:

I write to inform you of the following motion passed by the Venice Neighborhood Council on February 17, 2009:

Whereas Los Angeles County is redeveloping the unincorporated area of Marina del Rey (the "Project"), with sixteen (16) developments as of Feb 1, 2009 in various stages of the proprietary and/or regulatory process including: hotels, residential units and mixed-use developments (see Appendix for a complete listing) that add:

- 3,904 new residential units
- 636 new hotel rooms in three new hotels and one hotel expansion
- 1,369 additional restaurant seats
- 135,162 square feet of additional retail/commercial space
- 48,173 square feet of additional office space;

Whereas Los Angeles County avers that the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP), which was last updated and certified by the California Coastal Commission in 1996, is the functional equivalent of an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR"); and

Whereas on January 8, 2008, in concluding its LCP Review, the California Coastal Commission unanimously voted to recommend that Los Angeles County prepare a comprehensive LCP Update consisting of all proposed or anticipated developments within Marina del Rey for purposes of the Project that addresses the Project's direct, indirect and cumulative environmental and social impacts because there have been numerous social and environmental changes since 1996 and at least seven (7) proposed developments violate policies and ordinances set forth in the LCP; and

Whereas the City of Los Angeles communities surrounding the Project, namely, Venice, Del Rey, Mar Vista and Playa Vista have not been informed of the comprehensive



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Project, nor have they had an opportunity to participate in land use reconfiguration decisions; and

Whereas should the Project be developed, the surrounding communities will bear a significant portion of the short-term construction and long term cumulative impacts, including increased traffic, air pollution, environmental degradation and the provision of essential services and amenities such as parks, playgrounds, schools, hospitals, churches, which the unincorporated area of Marina del Rey does not provide.

Therefore be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors suspend issuance of development permits and entitlements for any and all land/projects located within Marina del Rey proper until a comprehensive Environmental Impact Report (EIR) complying in full with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is prepared by the County Department of Regional Planning, covering all such proposed or anticipated developments and addressing their environmental impacts on adjacent communities within the City of Los Angeles, or, in the alternative, until a Comprehensive LCP Update consisting of all proposed or anticipated developments within Marina del Rey for purposes of the Project be prepared and submitted to the California Coastal Commission for consideration and approval (a process exempt from CEQA because it is considered to be the functional equivalent of a CEQA compliant EIR).

Be it further resolved that this resolution be transmitted to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, the California Coastal Commission, Secretary of State Debra Bowen, Senator Barbara Boxer, California Congresswoman Jane Harman, California State Senator Jenny Oropeza, California State Assembly Member Ted Lieu, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles Department of City Planning, "We Are Marina Del Rey," "Save the Marina," the Del Rey Neighborhood Council, Westchester-Playa del Rey Neighborhood Council, the Palms Neighborhood Council, the Mar Vista Community Council, City of Culver City and the City of Santa Monica.

Sincerely,

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