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Arts District Bid

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To: "Mike Feuer (mike.feuer@lacity.org)" <mike.feuer@lacity.org>

Cc: Yuval Bar-Zemer <yuval@linear-city.com>

Mike,

Further to the meeting that Yuval Bar Zemer and I had with you and your staff in your office on August 2 regarding the Arts District BID, we are now confronted with the discovery that City administrative staff is taking the position that our proposed ALPHA BID will not be considered. I find this very disturbing.

From the e-mail exchange below, it is clear that Miranda Paster has been instructed to follow a protocol that effectively insures that the community will not have a choice in choosing a plan that they feel best suits the interest of our neighborhood.

The ALPHA BID management plan that we prepared was submitted to Miranda Paster on September 9. Ms. Paster responded the next day asking for the engineers report. Just today, two weeks later, we have been informed that Ms. Paster will not review the plan based on "standing instructions" that the ALPHA BID is illegal. Ms. Paster had no trouble certifying a competing proposal within 48 hours.

I am not sure if the City Attorney's office issued instructions to Ms. Paster after our meeting. If that is indeed the case, we would appreciate an explanation of why your office believes the ALPHA BID is illegal when it is clearly codified in law. If your office has not instructed Ms. Paster to reject our proposal, then we would appreciate a statement to that effect and timely instructions to Ms. Paster to remove the obstacle she has arbitrarily placed in our way. We never wanted to litigate this issue in the first place. If Ms. Paster continues to block our ALPHA BID proposal, we will have no choice but to, once again, resort to cumbersome and costly legal redress.

The Arts District deserves the chance to choose the BID that they determine best suits the needs of our community. We need the help of your office to insure that Ms. Paster will review and certify our plan as fast as possible. Without timely instructions from the Office of City Attorney, we will once again be tangled in an unnecessary legal morass.

Len

From: Miranda Paster [mailto:miranda.paster@lacity.org]

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 1:12 PM

To: Shirley

Cc: Yuval Bar-Zemer; Marco LiMandri / NCA (Marco Li Mandri / NCA); mred2@earthlink.net

Subject: Re: Arts District Plan



Hello.

We are in receipt of the Management District Plan and Engineer's Report. We have not started the review of either of the documents. I am waiting for the City Attorney instructions. The standing instruction is that the Ordinance, by which the documents were prepared, is not legal and preempts State Law, nor should it be used in light of the lack of cohesion of the Arts District. We do not consider Alpha Ordinance documents for review. I will let you know if any thing changes.

Thank you.