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August 13, 2002

September 9, 2008

Councilmember Bill Rosendahl Los Angeles City Council, District 11

Dear Councilmember Rosendahl,

The Mar Vista Community Council, at its regular September 9th meeting, approved the following motion requesting the City comply with its General Plan mandated duties to implement an infrastructure capacities monitoring program and database, and publish updated Annual Reports on Growth and Infrastructure for years 1999 through 2008:

Whereas the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles' Framework Element; Executive Summary; State Requirements section states that, "California State law (Government Code Section 65300) requires that each city prepare and adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for its future development", and that, "California State law requires that the day-to-day decisions of a city follow logically from and be consistent with the general plan. More specifically, Government Code Sections 65860, 66473.5 and 656474 require that zoning ordinances and subdivision and parcel map approvals be consistent with the general plan.", and

Whereas the Implementation Programs Section states that the City is to "Establish a program to monitor growth and public service and infrastructure demands and capacities." And "Prepare and submit to the City Council an Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure, based on information compiled by the monitoring program." and,

Whereas Chapter 2. Growth and Capacity; Growth Monitoring Section of the General Plan Framework Element states that "the City will establish a growth monitoring program that will provide important information regarding the accuracy of future growth estimates and the distribution of that new development by community plan area. This monitoring program will annually document what has actually happened to the City's population levels, housing construction, employment levels, and the availability of public infrastructure and public services. Information on environmental conditions will also be monitored on a yearly basis to maintain and update an environmental database, which will be used to facilitate but not replace, environmental review for subsequent programs and projects in accordance with CEQA.", and that "The information from such a monitoring system will be presented to the City Council in the form of an Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure, which can be used as the basis for revision of policies as needed to meet the goals of the Framework Element.", and

Whereas the Framework Element Theoretical Buildout section states that "Should population and employment growth be greater than the levels anticipated by the Framework Element, policy stipulates that studies be undertaken to correlate with the necessary supporting capital, facility, or service improvements and/or demand reduction programs.", and that "Should additional potential impacts be identified, these would be subject to further environmental review in accordance with the CEQA. This would be facilitated by the implementation of a program to monitor the characteristics and impacts of growth and availability of infrastructure and public services (the "Monitoring Program") and annual reporting of this to the City Council (the "Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure") as a basis for the planning and funding of necessary improvements.", and

Whereas no such monitoring program has been established and the Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure has not been published since the 1998 Report, and

Whereas the City of Los Angeles has continued to approve density and infrastructure-demand-increasing land development projects without knowledge of whether the City's various infrastructures can accommodate the additional residents such development projects make possible,

Therefore the Mar Vista Community Council requests the City comply with its General Plan mandated duties to:

- 1) Implement an infrastructure capacities monitoring program and database, including a Transportation Database. We ask that the Transportation Database list such capacities as: Current and by-year projected Levels of Service at all signalcontrolled intersections, and Number of available transit seats by route and hour, and
- 2) Publish updated Annual Reports on Growth and Infrastructure for years 1999 through 2008.

Thank You,

Rob Kadota

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