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Comments for Public Posting: The residential and economic well-being of Downtown Los Angeles has been shamefully neglected by our city representatives for far too long since the pandemic and the 2020 protests, and the promised revival of the city's civic and historic heart is now, yet again, at real risk of being abandoned by its leaders. That the civic and historic center of one of the nation's major cities is associated in the main with blight, crime, and Skid Row is a stain on Los Angeles' reputation that should not be tolerated. Property values have gone down, businesses have left, and fewer are returning as people are reluctant to invest in a downtown they perceive the city leaders themselves are failing to invest in. BID does its best and the teams have made remarkable efforts with what little they have, but DTLA needs an expanded and effective financial investment in our crumbling infrastructure; repair and replace the broken lights, the damaged pavement, the shattered and boarded windows; remove the graffiti, clean the streets. Put in pedestrian walkways, remove the chain link fences and defaced plywood boards surrounding park scapes such as First and Broadway and Pershing Square, the latter of which, in its current state, is unsafe for its own residents to cross in daylight. Imagine the impression this leaves on visitors and tourists. Provide residents and visitors real security — especially at night — with safety foot patrols. Just how hard is it to provide your tax-paying residents these basic services? You cannot in the long run fill city coffers without devoting funds to DTLA's infrastructure. It is by offering a welcoming environment, a sense of security, and economic incentives that you will draw tax-paying residents, small business owners, and tourists, thereby attracting the custom to shops and restaurants that would bring in the revenue the city so desperately needs. Thank you.