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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

JAMES K. HAHN
MAYOR

June 16, 2005

Honorable City Councilmembers
City of Los Angeles
C/O City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
200 No. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: MAYOR'S OFFICE STRATEGIC PLANNING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DIVISION: RESPONDING TO COUNCIL'S REQUEST OF MAY 3, 2005 FOR REPORT BACK; STATUS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD OF 1995 AND OTHER CURRENT GRANT ACTIVITIES; AND MAYOR'S OFFICE URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT.

The Mayor's Office Strategic Planning & Project Development (SPPD) Division is responsible for providing project management for the Mayor's Office Economic Development; obtaining and managing federal, state and local grants, and technical assistance resources; and developing and overseeing the City's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) activities. Additionally, SPPD actively participates in the City's Brownfields Revitalization program that has achieved national recognition. SPPD continues to search for additional funding sources not yet utilized by the City for development projects.

This report shall serve as a response to Council's request of May 3, 2005 (CF 01-1057) to report back in ninety days on the status of all projects still under consideration for U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant funding in the coming year; and development and status of the City's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

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On July 1, 2001, the beginning of the Hahn administration, this unit continued a previously established contractual agreement with the EDA for the Earthquake Infrastructure Investment grant. Although all dollars were allocated, there was an unspent balance (at the time) of \$15,748,216. Pursuant to a directive from the EDA establishing a deadline of December 31, 2005 for expenditure of these funds: we have been, to the full extent of our authority, directing and coordinating with the respected Council Offices, City Attorney's Office and all other department's schedules to meet EDA's deadline date.

The Mayor's Office of Economic Development (MOED) hereby submits a status report on: 1) \$30 million under the Earthquake Assistance Grant Award of 1995 and other current EDA grant awards; 2) Mayor's Office Urban Development Action grant; and 3) other current and proposed future grant activities. MOED's previous status report was adopted by City Council on May 3, 2005.

Please contact Mr. R.D. Lottie, Jr., Director of Mayor's Office Strategic Planning & Project Development at (213) 978-0670 should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



RENATA SIMRIL
Deputy Mayor for Economic Development

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Attachments I - IV