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January 30, 2015

Honorable Mayor Eric Garcetti
Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
200 North Spring Street, Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Update on the Status of Proposition Q

Dear Mayor Garcetti and City Council Members:

As you know, the Proposition Q Citizen Oversight Committee has the responsibility to make sure that the construction of police, fire and emergency facilities under the Proposition Q bond is completed on time and within budget. March 2015 marks 13 years since the voters passed this bond issue. The City's voters, who supported the bond measure with 67 percent approval, can be proud of their investment.

Our committee's first responsibility is to assure that these projects are completed within the \$600,000,000 budget (plus interest earnings) approved by the voters. We are delighted to report that, despite severe inflation in the construction industry, all original projects were completed within the budget allocated. We commend the Program Management Team (Bureau of Engineering, Police Department and City Administrative Officer) for their creative work in adapting to the steep increase in construction and materials cost in order to keep these projects within budget.

Because these projects were brought in under budget due to savings and efficiency, the Administrative Oversight Committee identified other projects that were funded during a Phase II construction period extending into the next few years. These additional projects were authorized by the Mayor and Council and consist of a new Northeast Police Station (instead of a rehabilitation of the old station), the rehabilitation of the Old Rampart Police Station which will be the future home of the Police Department's Metro Division, and major improvements to the Police Academy.

Specifically, work has been completed on all of the new construction projects originally specified. These projects are as follows:

- Olympic/20th Area New Station

- Rampart Area Replacement Station
- Topanga/Northwest Area New Station
- Valley Traffic Division and Bureau Headquarters
- West Valley Area Replacement Station
- EOC/POC/Fire Dispatch Facility
- Harbor Area Replacement Station and Jail
- Hollenbeck Area Replacement Station and Jail
- Metro Bomb Squad Facility
- Valley Bomb Squad Facility
- Metro Detention Center

In addition, construction has been completed on all of the Police Renovation/Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects and the Fire Renovations/CIP projects.

As you know from our previous reports, our committee has brought to your attention concerns about various issues that would cause a delay in the completion of some of these projects. The most serious has been the Police Academy. We raised concerns with you in previous reports about the time necessary to finalize the ownership issues related to the City and the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club. Fortunately, all issues with the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club have been resolved and the project has proceeded to the construction phase.

We currently have concerns about the Police Academy project in its construction phase since the Bureau of Engineering has brought to our attention that the architect and contractor are not in full coordination. We urge that the Administrative Oversight Committee take steps to ensure that any issues that may slow down this project be solved quickly. We also want to communicate our concerns regarding the Old Rampart Station/New Metro Division project. The Bureau of Engineering reported to us that the contractor has fallen substantially behind the adopted construction schedule. Again, we urge the Administrative Oversight Committee to take appropriate actions to immediately reduce or eliminate the lag in the construction schedule. We are pleased to report that the new Northeast Police Station project is proceeding as scheduled.

Finally, we reiterate that since the City Attorney has offered the opinion that the bond language requires that our committee continue until all projects are completed, you will continue to receive reports from our committee until the Phase II projects are completed. We will continue to send you periodic updates on the status of the program.

Thank you for your kind attention to these matters.

Best regards,



Irene Tovar, Chair
Proposition Q Citizens Oversight Committee