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August 7, 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 marked 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 Mayor and Council added new projects for a Phase II program that will extend the Program until at least the end of 2015-16. These additional projects consist of a new Northeast Police 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.

Work has been completed on all of the 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

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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; and, 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 also recently brought to you our concerns about coordination issues between the architect and contractor at the Police Academy project and schedule slippage at the Old Rampart/New Metro Division project.

We currently have concerns about a projected move-in dates at various facilities. Specifically, we are concerned with Police move-in dates at the Old Rampart/New Metro Division project and Northeast Police Station. At Old Rampart/New Metro Division project, the move-in date recently changed from August 2015 to October 2015 and we are concerned that this newer date may not be made. At Northeast Police Station, we are concerned that the now-resolved labor action that affected that project several months ago (which we reported to you), might also slow down the Police Department's move-in date as well, currently anticipated in late Summer. We urge that the Administrative Oversight Committee continue to closely monitor the projects to maintain an ability to quickly take any necessary actions to mitigate any possible slow-downs in the Police Department's scheduled move-in dates at these facilities.

Finally, in accordance with City Attorney advice that the bond language requires that our committee continue until all 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