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November 22, 2016

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: Final 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 2016 marked 14 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.

We are now at the end of the Proposition Q Citywide Public Safety Facilities General Obligation Bond Program. Our committee's first responsibility was to assure that these projects were completed within the \$600,000,000 budget (plus interest earnings) approved by the voters. We are pleased to report that all original projects authorized by the voters were completed within the budget allocated. These original projects included six new police stations, two new bomb squad facilities, a new Valley Traffic Division and Valley Bureau Headquarters facility, a new emergency operations center, a new Metro Detention Center as well as \$50 million in general police facilities improvements and \$25 million in general fire facilities improvements.

In fact, the City's careful stewardship of the program enabled the City to add and complete several additional projects consisting of: 1) a new Northeast Area Police Station; 2) a new Metro Division Headquarters facility at the site of the Old Rampart Police Station; and, 3) major renovations at the Los Angeles Police Academy. We commend all who were involved with the program including the Administrative Oversight Committee, the Program Management Team (Bureau of Engineering, Police Department, City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst) as well as the various City departments who provided resources to effectively complete the program, for their creative work in adapting to the steep increase in construction and materials

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costs as well as resolving various challenges that presented themselves along the way in order to keep these projects within budget.

As the City considers asking the voters to approve other General Obligation bonds in the future, we would like to make certain recommendations that the City could consider in the future to continue and improve upon the success of its voter-approved construction programs. These include the following:

1. That the administrative oversight committee model be continued. This model has served the City very well to provide effective executive level oversight of major construction programs. As part of this, we strongly recommend that the principals on administrative oversight committees be expected to attend regular meetings.
2. That the citizen oversight committee model be continued. That members be City residents, have diverse backgrounds and be free of any conflicts of interest. It is also recommended that citizen oversight committee members be knowledgeable about our City government and be independent.
3. That contractors providing services for bond programs be required to hire locally, perhaps a minimum of 40% of City residents. The City should encourage requiring contractors to provide apprenticeship programs, including union apprenticeship programs. This should be complemented by developing a monitoring policy to be enforced by the Bureau of Contract Administration to ensure compliance and stipulate sanctions for non-compliance.

As Angelenos, it has been an honor and privilege to serve the City as members of the Proposition Q Citizen Oversight Committee (in some cases, for over 14 years) in order to successfully complete a program essential to public safety in the City of Los Angeles.

Best regards,



Irene Tovar, Chair
Proposition Q Citizen Oversight Committee