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LOCATION 606, INC.

606 E. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021

February 5th, 2024

Los Angeles City Council
Attn: Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee
c/o Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, California 90012

**RE: CF-22-0617-Sx – DTLA 2040
AMENDING MOTION 54A, ITEM 2 (REPORT ON POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE IX1 USE DISTRICT TO
BETTER FACILITATE COMMUNITY FACILITIES)**

Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers,

In advance of your consideration of the report prepared by the Department of City Planning on the abovementioned matter related to the IX1 use district within portions of Skid Row, Joseph Burk / Location 606 Inc is providing these comments for your review and consideration. I have owned, lived at and managed the property at 606 E. 6th Street since 2001 and believe our voices matter and should be heard when it comes to the future our community.

We support the amending motions put forward by Council District 14 as noted below:

1. Adopt the technical language provided in sections A and B (pp. 10-12) of the report. This would allow parcels with frontage on Skid Row's primary corridors (5th, 6th, 7th, and Central) to make use of Set A of the downtown-wide inclusionary requirements (typically between 8%-16% of units depending on income-levels). We would like to note that almost the entirety of existing housing stock along these corridors is covenanted and provided by non-profits whose mission is to provide affordable housing. Given the tenant protections already in place, the likelihood of displacement is minimal. Housing should be approved of any type, including market rate, on 5th, 6th 7th and Central.
2. Request the City Attorney to initiate a follow-on study to assess and designate private-sector, for-profit service providers (i.e., grocery stores, pharmacies, shoe stores, pet stores, barbershops, hardware stores and the like) as eligible community facilities, and to modify the Downtown Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) to include these uses as eligible for Level 2 incentives. This would allow the City to formally incentivize and recognize the role these private service-providers play in creating complete, well-served neighborhoods. Thousands of Skid Row's residents (and employees) presently have no access to everyday amenities and services that other neighborhoods take for granted.
3. We recommend that the City update and adopt evaluation criteria to ensure that projects in Skid Row score as highly as possible for funding eligibility in the Downtown-wide Community Benefits Fund

We thank you for the opportunity to provide input and appreciate your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Joseph Burk