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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE BUILDING REHABILITATION APPEALS BOARD IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EAST LOS ANGELES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board that provide for abatement of public nuisances at the following locations:

3231 City Terrace Drive, East Los Angeles, California 90063
1516 North Herbert Avenue, East Los Angeles, California 90063
157 South Bleakwood Avenue, East Los Angeles, California 90022
4612 Fisher Street, East Los Angeles, California 90022
3813 Michigan Avenue, East Los Angeles, California 90063
334 North Ditman Avenue, East Los Angeles, California 90063
6030 Northside Drive, East Los Angeles, California 90022

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the action is to provide for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures. The Building Code provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board to hear appeals on matters concerning public nuisances.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6) as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community. The action will provide for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions, which constitute a public nuisance.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no increase in net County cost or negative fiscal impact. Costs of the abatement work are billed to the property owner. Failure to pay the bill will cause a special assessment to be placed on the tax bill and a Notice of Abatement Lien will be recorded against the property with the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Building Code, provides for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures contained in Chapter 99.

Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owner be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board and be heard prior to abatement of the nuisance(s) by the County. However, your Board adopted modified procedures that delegated the required hearing to the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board with the requirement that the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board make a written recommendation to your Board.

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board has conducted the required hearing for the properties listed below. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of substandard properties. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following properties to be a public nuisance.

Your Board may either adopt these findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board without further notice of hearing or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before your Board.

ADDRESS: 3231 City Terrace Drive, East Los Angeles, California 90063

Finding and Orders: The Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances,

and miscellaneous personal property by September 14, 2007, and maintained cleared thereafter and (b) that the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by September 14, 2007.

List of Defects

- 1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial reduction in the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
- 2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.
- 3. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
- 4. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.
- 5. A camper stored for unreasonable periods of time in yard areas contiguous to streets or highways.
- 6. Inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

ADDRESS: 1516 North Herbert Avenue, East Los Angeles, California 90063

Finding and Orders: The Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property by September 14, 2007, and maintained cleared thereafter and (b) that the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by September 14, 2007.

List of Defects

- 1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial reduction in the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
- 2. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
- 3. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.

4. Garbage cans and packing crates stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.

ADDRESS: 157 South Bleakwood Avenue, East Los Angeles, California 90022

Finding and Orders: The Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property by September 14, 2007, and maintained cleared thereafter and (b) that the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by September 14, 2007.

List of Defects

- 1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial reduction in the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
- 2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.
- 3. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
- 4. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.
- 5. Garbage cans and packing crates stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.
- 6. Wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

ADDRESS: 4612 Fisher Street, East Los Angeles, California 90022

Finding and Orders: The Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property by September 14, 2007, and maintained cleared thereafter and (b) that the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by September 14, 2007.

List of Defects

- 1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial reduction in the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
- 2. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
- 3. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
- 4. Inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

ADDRESS: 3813 Michigan Avenue, East Los Angeles, California 90063

Finding and Orders: The Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property by September 14, 2007, and maintained cleared thereafter and (b) that the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by September 14, 2007.

List of Defects

- 1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial reduction in the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
- 2. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
- 3. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
- 4. Inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

ADDRESS: 334 North Ditman Avenue, East Los Angeles, California 90063

Finding and Order: The Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following order: that the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property by September 14, 2007, and maintained cleared thereafter.

List of Defects

- 1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial reduction in the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
- 2. A refrigerator stored in yard area for unreasonable periods.
- 3. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
- 4. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
- 5. Garbage cans stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.
- 6. Inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

ADDRESS: 6030 Northside Drive, East Los Angeles, California 90022

Finding and Order: The Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following order: that the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by October 15, 2007, and maintained cleared thereafter.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial reduction in the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.

- 2. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
- 3. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
- 4. Garbage cans stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board confirmed the County Building Official's findings that the listed properties are substandard because they are injurious to health, offensive to the senses, and obstruct the free use of neighboring properties so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Building and Safety Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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c: County Counsel