



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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30.	45	<b>Favor</b>	Chief Marcella fain-sims	
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			Susan Bursk	<p>April 15, 2025 Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 Re: Public Comment – Proposed Amendment to Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Building Code (Seismic Retrofitting Ordinance) Dear Chair Barger and Honorable Members of the Board, My name is Susan Bursk, and I am writing on behalf of the residents of approximately 600 condominium units in Marina del Rey—home to over 1,000 community members. I submit this letter regarding the proposed ordinance amending Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Building Code to require seismic retrofitting of certain high-rise concrete buildings located in unincorporated areas of the County or owned by the County itself. We understand the County's intent to enhance public safety and infrastructure resiliency. However, we respectfully request the Board reconsider the timeline and scope of this ordinance, for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Current Structural Upgrades Underway: Our community is currently engaged in a comprehensive waterproofing project that will address many of the very structural concerns this ordinance aims to mitigate. Allowing this work to proceed before imposing additional requirements would be more efficient and economically practical.</li><li>2. Scope and Selectivity: To our understanding, this ordinance would affect only five buildings across all unincorporated County land: three County buildings, one apartment building in East Los Angeles, and our Marina del Rey complex. The limited applicability raises questions about fairness and the criteria used for inclusion.</li><li>3. Questionable Origins: This proposal appears to have been prompted by media coverage initiated by two former residents who no longer live in our community. While we respect all voices, we question whether that alone justifies the introduction of a countywide ordinance.</li><li>4. Misleading Comparisons: Referencing structural failures in countries like Syria and Turkey is not a relevant or appropriate comparison. Our buildings were constructed under California codes and regulations that are among the strictest in the world.</li><li>5. Ownership Complications: As residents of properties on County-leased land, we do not own the buildings themselves—only the airspace within them. This presents unique challenges in both compliance and legal responsibility for mandated retrofitting.</li><li>6. Proactive Compliance: Despite our concerns, we are not resisting the spirit</li></ol>

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				<p>of this ordinance. We have retained a structural engineering firm to help us assess and plan for the likely requirements. We are committed to being proactive partners in public safety.</p> <p>While some residents have proposed legal action to prevent the ordinance from advancing, we are fully aware that the County holds the authority to move forward. What we seek is not obstruction but collaboration. Over the past two years, we have sent letters, emails, and met with County staff urging a delay to allow our current improvement projects to progress. These efforts, however, have not yielded meaningful engagement.</p> <p>We respectfully renew our request: Please work with us. Postpone implementation for our community until our current waterproofing project is complete and we have had adequate time to evaluate the engineering findings now underway. This will ensure the best use of resources and allow us to prioritize the safety of our residents in a sustainable and legally coherent way.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, attention, and service to our communities.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Susan Bursk President Marina City Club Condominium Owners Association 4333 Admiralty Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292</p>
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