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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

June 17, 2025

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

37 June 17, 2025

EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE
BUILDING REHABILITATION APPEALS BOARD
IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board pursuant to Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Building Code, which provides for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthy conditions, which constitute a public nuisance.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

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

- 216 West 126 Street, Los Angeles, California 90061

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide for the abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures. Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Building Code, provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board to hear appeals on matters concerning public nuisances.

The action will provide for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the

elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthy conditions, which constitute a public nuisance. This action will improve the quality of life for the surrounding neighborhoods and the overall County community.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommendation supports the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal C, Public Safety, Strategy i, Prevention, Protection & Safety, as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community by abating conditions that constitute a public nuisance. The recommendation also supports North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategy iv, Environmental Justice, as it allows the County, when necessary, to take actions to demolish unsafe structures and clean up unsightly properties that pose health and safety threats to the community.

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(s). 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 County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County will abate public nuisances through Public Works personnel and/or on-call contract services or Departmental Service Orders with the Internal Services Department and Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures.

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

Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owner(s) be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board and be heard prior to abatement of the nuisance(s) by the County. However, the 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 the Board.

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board conducted the required hearing for the property listed below on April 9, 2025. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of the substandard property. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following property a public nuisance. The 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 the Board.

ADDRESS: 216 West 126 Street, Los Angeles, California 90061

Finding and Order: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared it a public nuisance, and issued the following order: by July 8, 2025, all abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicles or parts thereof be removed, and the property must be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded equipment and machinery, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property, and the property be

maintained clear 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 diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods of time on the premises.
3. Broken or discarded household furniture and equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods of time.
4. Trash, junk, debris, and miscellaneous articles of personal property are scattered about the premises.
5. The premises contain abandoned or broken equipment and furniture, junk, debris, tires, boxes, cans, neglected machinery, refrigerators, and freezers constituting an unsightly appearance or attractive nuisance dangerous to children and to public safety.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Find that the action set forth in this Board letter is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of adopting the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board.

CONCLUSION

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

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

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

MP:HH:cm

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors