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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, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE
BUILDING REHABILITATION APPEALS BOARD IN THE
UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WHITTIER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board pursuant to the Los Angeles County Code, Title 26 - Building Code, 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 locations:

11722 Laurel Avenue, Whittier, CA 90605
8116 Broadway Avenue, Whittier, CA 90606

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide for the abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures. The Los Angeles County Code, Title 26 - Building Code, provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board (BRAB) 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. It will also 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, by providing 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, by allowing 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, Title 26 - Building Code, provides for the abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures contained in Chapter 99.

California Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owner(s) be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board of Supervisors and be heard before the County proceeds with abatement of any nuisance. However, the Board adopted modified procedures that delegated the required hearing to the BRAB with the requirement that the BRAB make a written recommendation to the Board.

The BRAB conducted the required hearing for the properties listed below on August 13, 2026. The BRAB considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of the substandard properties. The BRAB made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following properties a public nuisance. The Board may either adopt these findings and orders of the BRAB without further notice of hearing or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before the Board.

ADDRESS: 11722 Laurel Avenue, Whittier, CA 90605
Finding and Orders: The BRAB made a finding that by December 11, 2026, all abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicles or parts thereof be removed; the property must be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture, miscellaneous personal property, and all overgrown vegetation; and the property be maintained clear thereafter.

ADDRESS: 8116 Broadway Avenue, Whittier, CA 90606
Finding and Orders: The BRAB made a finding that by December 11, 2026, the property must be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, and all overgrown vegetation; and the property be maintained clear thereafter.

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 BRAB.

CONCLUSION

The BRAB 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 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.

Respectfully submitted,



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