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February 13, 2013

Hon. Gloria Molina, Chair and County Supervisor  
Los Angeles Grand Avenue Authority  
Los Angeles County Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 374-A  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Grand Avenue Project – Developer Request for Extension

Dear Supervisor Molina:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) submits this letter regarding the request by The Related Companies (“Developer”) for an extension of time to commence development on Parcel Q of the Grand Avenue Project, pursuant to the discussion at DLANC’s Planning & Land Use Committee on January 15, 2013. DLANC has consistently supported the Grand Avenue Project, as a critical project for the redevelopment of the Bunker Hill/Civic Center area, and the greater Downtown Los Angeles area.

In reviewing the status of the Project, DLANC notes that Grand Park opened in 2012, and has quickly become a notable public space enjoyed by Downtown residents, workers and visitors. We acknowledge the Developer’s efforts in not only funding the park, but also overseeing its design and construction, and in engaging with the public throughout the development process to ensure that the final project. In addition, we applaud the Developer’s success in moving forward with the development new housing on Parcel M, including much needed affordable housing. We look forward to the improvement of the pedestrian experience on Grand Avenue through the completion of those two significant projects, as well as the public plaza that will connect them.

DLANC also notes the efforts by the Developer, the Authority and its member agencies to attract and develop The Broad museum and related parking structure on Parcel L. The success in adapting the Project to include a world-class arts institution, further cementing Grand Avenue as a major international arts and cultural destination, highlights the value of allowing sufficient time for the development of thoughtful, feasible projects that are consistent with the overall goals of the Project. We also note that the development to date, combined with the enhanced streetscape on Grand Avenue, has already had a significant impact on improving the pedestrian activity and conditions in that area of Downtown.

In consideration of the above, DLANC believes that the Developer should be granted sufficient time to prepare a revised development scheme for Parcel Q, and, if necessary in the future, Parcels W-1 and W-2. Given the Developer's activity and diligence to date in moving the Project forward where possible, the extension should allow adequate additional time for creation of a new development proposal and for community review and input thereon, without imposition of any financial or other penalties. Lastly, DLANC supports the concept of allowing for development on Parcels Q and W to be designed and constructed over multiple phases. We note that the multi-phased development of Parcels L and M, as well as other large development sites throughout Downtown over the last decade has created projects that are both economically feasible and reflect high-quality design and architecture that is appropriate to the City's urban core.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

**APPROVED BY DLANC PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE ON 1/15/2013  
SUBJECT TO DLANC BOARD APPROVAL ON 2/12/2013**

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