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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 – Revised Concept Design

Dear Supervisor Molina:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) submits this letter of support regarding the conceptual design by The Related Companies (“Developer”) on Parcel Q of the Grand Avenue Project, pursuant to the discussion at DLANC’s Planning & Land Use Committee on December 11, 2013. DLANC has consistently supported the Grand Avenue Project, and supports the new design.

During the discussion of the proposed design, there were few suggestions to make a good design better. The master plan has always emphasized Grand Avenue as the primary street and less emphasis on developing 1st Street, the primary street leading to City Hall and linking many key institutional buildings, as an active pedestrian street. With the Civic Center Metro portal at 1st and Broadway, there is an opportunity with Parcel Q, Parcel W, proposed Federal Court, and other future developments to develop 1st Street as a better pedestrian oriented street with active uses on the ground floor. With so many important projects such as Street Car, Bringing Back Broadway, Regional Connector, and Grand Avenue project, there’s a tremendous opportunity to improve 1st Street.

DLANC appreciates the JPA’s decision to continue the project with The Related Companies and to keep the ball rolling. We believe the renaissance of Downtown will continue to flourish in the next several development cycles and Parcel Q is a key component to a successful redevelopment of Bunker Hill and the Civic Center area.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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