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Councilmember, Fourteenth District

September 10, 2024

The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA. 90012

Re: Request to Continue Council File No 23-0796-S1

Dear Council Member Harris-Dawson:

At the Planning and Land Use Management Committee meeting on August 6, 2024, this matter was continued for 30 days in order to provide time for the applicant to conduct a Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment study, as requested by the Committee.

I would like to request at least an additional 60 days beyond September 17, 2024, be granted to allow city departments to independently review soil sample results. This office has requested the Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation to assist the Department of City Planning to independently review the information after it has been submitted. A Phase II report provides the results of soil samples to ensure that no soil contamination is present on site, and requires subject matter experts to accurately assess the test results.

It should be noted that the City Planning Commission report clarified that there is “affected soil” on site, but the applicant has not conducted the appropriate environmental testing to determine how hazardous the soil is, if at all. The Geotechnical Investigation by Geocon stated that oil “wells may be improperly located or not shown on the location map and undocumented wells could be encountered during construction.” The site at 2037 Lincoln Park, which had unmapped oil wells that led to contamination, is located approximately 100 feet away from the site at 3601 Mission Road.

Out of an abundance of caution, the Council Office believes it is vital that a more in-depth test is completed and assessed by experts before moving forward. Hence, this office requests that consideration of this item be extended by 60 days.

Sincerely,

KEVIN DE LEÓN,
Councilmember, 14th District, Los Angeles City Council