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Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety
Board of Building & Safety Commissioners
Attention: Cora Johnson, Board Secretary
201 North Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: **Case #:** **DBS Order to Comply No. 1849488**
Project Address: **849 S. Broadway – Signage at Eastern Columbia Building**

Dear Commissioners:

At our regularly held public meeting on March 10, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) voted to request a 90-day stay of enforcement of the above-listed Order to Comply for the removal of photomurals in the street-levels windows of the Eastern Columbia Building at 849 South Broadway, pursuant to the motion passed on February 25, 2009, by DLANC’s Planning & Land Use Committee.

In deciding to request this stay of enforcement, DLANC considered the information provided by the building owner and residents regarding the signage at issue and other illegal signage in the project’s vicinity. A major consideration was the Bringing Back Broadway initiative, the public-private partnership to revitalize Broadway and its historic theaters, including enhancement of the pedestrian environment in the district. DLANC supports the residents’ request that the photomurals be maintained in the windows to provide an attractive street-level façade and deter graffiti and other vandalism that often occurs in empty window-fronts along Broadway. Accordingly, DLANC respectfully requests that the Department stay enforcement of Order to Comply No. 1849488 for 90 days to allow further discussion of the issue between neighborhood stakeholders and the City.

Please provide a copy of the decision letter to DLANC at the address listed above. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

J. Russell Brown
DLANC President

CC: Inspector Robert Sunseri (LA DBS)
Jessica Wethington McLean/Celina Mancía (Council District 14)
Clay DeLeon