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Dear Community Stakeholders:

The economic recession has created challenging times for all Angelenos, and the Planning Department has certainly not been immune to these challenges. Budget cuts and a spate of early retirements have reduced the size of our Department, but not the importance of our mission.

Our charge now is to provide higher-quality planning services to the City, with reduced staffing and resources – essentially, to do more with less. We intend to accomplish this by organizing staff so that they can focus on and master critical functions, while enhancing our level of service to the public and tying all of our work more closely and consistently to the communities that we serve.

Attached is our “blueprint” for the future of the Planning Department. I encourage your thorough review of this report, and look forward to working with you on fulfilling our Department’s mission to make great communities happen.

Sincerely,

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Director of Planning

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Attachment: *Blueprint 2010-11*