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WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and,

WHEREAS, the General Services Administration (GSA) has submitted a proposal for a new Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters building to be located at 11000 Wilshire Boulevard, the current site of the Federal Building in Westwood; and,

WHEREAS, the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Veteran is already one of the most congested intersections in the nation, and the proposed new building would add 937,000 square feet of building space and greatly aggravate traffic congestion in the area; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion on Wilshire, Veteran, or the 405 freeway could slow the deployment of FBI agents in an emergency or terrorist attack; and,

WHEREAS, almost every Los Angeles homeowners' association from the Beverly Hills border to Pacific Palisades, the largest coalition of neighborhood organizations in the history of the Westside, opposes the construction of a new headquarters on the current site. In addition, all of the elected officials who represent this have expressed serious concerns about this proposal; and,

WHEREAS, in 2004 the cost of construction was estimated at \$279 million. This significant investment of federal tax dollars and federal resources should be made in an area that is both beneficial to the FBI and the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Building and nearby Veteran's Administration (VA) are both located on land which was deeded to the VA for federal government use, but there has never been a Master Plan for the use or development of the property; and,

WHEREAS, although the City of Los Angeles supports the FBI's mission and the GSA's efforts to find a location for the FBI Headquarters, the current proposal is one that the Council can not support.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council oppose the GSA proposal for a new headquarters on the Westwood Federal Building site.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council request a Federal Land Use Master Plan for all Federal properties in the area, including the Veteran's Administration, Federal Building site and National Armory.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GSA is encouraged to complete a meaningful search for alternative sites for the proposed new FBI Headquarters.

PRESENTED BY:   
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Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:   
BRAD RUPPEL

April 19, 2006