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Re: Proposed New FBI Headquarters in Los Angeles

Dear Mr. Angell:

I am writing to express my concern over the FBI development proposed to be located at 11000 Wilshire Boulevard in West Los Angeles. I have received an unusually high number of emails, letters and calls from constituents, as well as testimony and communication at recent public hearings expressing grave concerns about the proposed construction and development at this site. I would like to add my voice to theirs.

Of the many concerns they expressed, two stand out as the most consistent and troubling. The first is traffic. As you have, no doubt, already heard, the intersection of Wilshire and Westwood has been identified as one of the busiest intersections in the world—an example of gridlock matched only by the nearby 405 Freeway at rush hour. These areas are already so overburdened, that to add to the congestion through the construction and development of the site would exacerbate an already untenable situation, not to mention creating a difficult chase scenario for agents.

The second concern, related to the first, is that the nearby UCLA Medical Center, a community and regional hospital/trauma center and medical center, must be available and accessible at all times. I am concerned that congestion caused by the project could have a negative impact on the community's and visitors' access to both ongoing and emergency care at this facility.


Of the two proposals presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), alternative 2, which finds that there would be no traffic mitigation necessary because of an ability to lower



the number of cars going to and from the location, would be preferable. However, there still remain some unanswered questions about which public services such as Immigration, Social Security, etc. would be continued or discontinued at the new facility. Impacts from these potential displacements need to be studied, as well. Given these and other considerations regarding the site, I wonder if there might be a better location for your purposes than the one currently being considered--one that is less overburdened with long-standing problems created by already overcrowded streets and poor access issues.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,



SHEILA JAMES KUEHL
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