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Peter G. Stamison
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Re: New Headquarters for FBI Los Angeles Field Office

Dear Mr. Stamison:

This letter is to register my opposition to the proposed expansion of the FBI Federal Building in West LA and to share my concerns regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the facility, dated February 24, 2006.

The parcel of land at 11000 Wilshire Boulevard sits at the intersection of one of our region's most congested thoroughfares and one of its busiest freeways. It is "Gridlock Central." Any proposed future use of 11000 Wilshire must appreciate that dynamic and strive to avoid making that problem worse.

Option #1 in the DEIS clearly fails that test. Its traffic impacts would be long-term, significant and not mitigatable. It would ultimately create 10,000 more car trips per day and cause traffic to worsen at 30 different intersections in Los Angeles. The Westside and the City of Los Angeles cannot continue to suffer a constant and relentless increase in traffic.

Option #2, however, holds some promise. As I understand it, the long-term traffic impacts of Option #2 are actually beneficial, reducing the number of employees, visitors, and daily trips to 11000 Wilshire. A proposal that would reduce traffic is very encouraging indeed

There are, of course, many questions left unanswered about Option #2. Chief among them is the fate and eventual location of the agencies that could be displaced, such as the Social Security Administration, the Department of Labor, and the Veterans Administration.

Ultimately, the federal government should vet Option 2 with the community and with relevant stakeholders through a thorough, public Master Plan process that examines traffic issues, security concerns, and the cumulative impacts of federal development in the area, including the Veterans Administration property. I encourage you most strongly to engage in such a process. I would be eager to cooperate with and help facilitate such a process.

Regards,

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