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July 9, 2009

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Pasadena City Council
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109

Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Council Members,

Please support the recommendation of your planning staff and city manager to give discretion to Planning Director Richard Bruckner to extend entitlements for projects that have completed the approval process but may not have been able to commence construction within the required time frame.

Providing this discretion to Mr. Bruckner is a clear recognition of the extraordinary economic times we find ourselves in. These projects have been through the review and entitlement process and have been approved already. In most, if not all, of these instances the projects would have begun construction were it not for the difficulty of finding financing or tenants for the project. Allowing the project construction deadline to be extended would allow enough time for the economy to recover, or the builder to know with certainty that the project is no longer viable.

I encourage you to approve the recommendation.

Thank you,



Paul Little
President and Chief Executive Officer

Cc: R. Bruckner, M. Beck, M. Jomsky

