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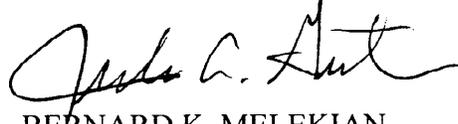
TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: ROSE BOWL STADIUM RENOVATION PROJECT AND
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

At a special meeting on May 28, 2008, the Economic Development and Technology Committee of the City Council considered the Rose Bowl Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report ("FSEIR"). The City Attorney's Office responded verbally to the questions of EdTech regarding greenhouse gas ("GHG") analysis in the FSEIR, and the following is a summary of the responses:

- The legal landscape governing the regulation of GHG is shifting very quickly at this time. While currently there are no adopted statewide CEQA guidelines for assessing the significance of impact of GHG, the State Office of Planning and Research has recently been tasked with developing CEQA guidelines for analysis of the effects and mitigation of GHG emissions by July 1, 2009, and the State Resources Agency has until January 1, 2010 to adopt the regulations. Drafts of these regulations do not yet exist, although it is widely anticipated that they will be forthcoming shortly.
- Only within the last year has the air quality industry settled on acceptable methods for the analysis of GHG.
- The GHG impacts of the Rose Bowl Project are fully disclosed in the FSEIR and are not significant by staff analysis. As a result, there is no legal basis on which to impose GHG mitigation measures on the Rose Bowl Project.

City staff fully intends to remain at the forefront of environmental protection, and has taken a myriad of actions in that regard, some of which may apply to the Project once it is designed and brought forward for approval. Further, in the CEQA Resolution for the Rose Bowl Project, the City commits that, "Should state laws or requirements regulating greenhouse gases take effect before the Project permits are issued, the Project will be required to comply with all applicable laws."

Respectfully submitted,



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