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Re: Comment on Proposed EIR Addendum for the 615 East Ocean Boulevard Project (SPR22-115); Planning Commission Hearing, November 2, 2023 – Agenda Item No. 4

Dear Chair Lewis and Honorable Members of the Long Beach City Planning Commission:

I am writing on behalf of **Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility (“SAFER”)** regarding the EIR Addendum (EIRA-04-23) to the Downtown Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2009071006) prepared for the 615 East Ocean Boulevard Project (SPR22-115) (“Project”). The Proposed Project includes all actions related or referring to the proposed construction of a 21-story, 203-unit, high-rise residential tower with above and below parking and various community spaces, located at 615 E Ocean Boulevard in the City of Long Beach.

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After reviewing the Downtown Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (“PEIR”), and the EIR Addendum for the proposed Project (“EIR Addendum”) we conclude that the Project is not within the scope of the PEIR and was not analyzed in the PEIR. Also, the Project will have significant environmental impacts that were not analyzed in the PEIR and could not have been analyzed in the PEIR because the Project was not proposed or even contemplated at that time. Therefore, we request that the City of Long Beach (“City”) prepare an EIR for the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.

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We reserve the right to supplement these comments during review of the Final EIR for the Project and at public hearings concerning the Project. *Galante Vineyards v. Monterey Peninsula Water Management Dist.*, 60 Cal. App. 4th 1109, 1121 (1997).

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Sincerely,

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