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May 12, 2015

Honorable Jose Huizar
City Hall, Room 456
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Whereas, several illegal medical marijuana dispensaries have been identified in the Skid Row neighborhood of Los Angeles, and

Whereas, it has long been recognized that the Skid Row neighborhood is a recovery zone for men and women suffering from substance abuse as well as drug and alcohol addiction, and

Whereas individuals at any level of addiction recovery need every opportunity for success, and

Whereas the existence of ‘medical marijuana’ dispensaries are an extreme obstacle and detriment to the successful recovery of past addicts in addition to triggering relapses among those residents of Skid Row at risk, and

Whereas the threat of relapse among Skid Row’s recovering addicts is further compounded by the illegal operation of ‘medical marijuana’ establishments already in place in our community which are absent from any approved list of such ‘businesses’.

Therefore the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC) requests that the City Council enact and enforce an ordinance or legislation prohibiting the sale of ‘medical marijuana’ within the prescribed Skid Row district boundaries.

Very truly yours,

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*** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MAY 12, 2015 ***

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