

March 29, 2022

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Lifting a Moratorium on Permit Expiration

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

We are requesting that the Public Order under the City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority regarding "Tolling of Deadlines Prescribed in the Municipal Code", issued in March. 21, 2020, extended on April 17, 2020, and revised on January 28, 2022, be lifted and that all regulations related to construction, including but not limited to permit and plan check expiration, be enforced in accordance with the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

According to "Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19" issued on March 19, 2020, construction was categorized as an essential business and was exempt from COVID-related closures.

After a brief shock experienced in the very beginning of the pandemic, construction in general and construction of single-and multi-family homes in particular steadily increased, as did the number of approved permits, according to the following sources:

<https://www.ppic.org/blog/californias-housing-construction-picks-up-pace/>
https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/summary/blssummary_losanjeles.pdf

As of today, the City of Los Angeles has lifted restrictions on indoor public and private gatherings, outdoor private and public events, social distancing, and masking. Non-essential retail businesses and playgrounds for children have reopened. Furthermore, although COVID pandemic negatively impacted economy of the country, there were absolutely no signs that financial distress afflicted construction industry in Los Angeles. There was no need for the order in the first place, as noted above, and as life normalizes, the construction industry should no longer be exempt from compliance with the law.

It is therefore reasonable to request that the Public Order under the City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority regarding "Tolling of Deadlines Prescribed in the Municipal Code" be lifted and that Los Angeles Municipal Code and applicable regulations be adhered to, and normal

processes and procedures be implemented by Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, specifically LAMC Sec. 98.0601 through Sec. 98.0605 and LADBS Document P/B C2017-120 that govern plan check and permit expiration.

Applicants and permit holders who are still experiencing financial burden, including COVID-related loss of funds, can still be exempt from complying with the above-mentioned code sections in accordance with respective "EXCEPTION" clauses in Sections 98.0602 and 98.0603.

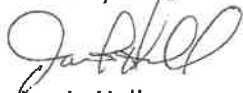
Very truly yours,



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