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SUBJECT: CAROUSEL MALL, SAN BERNARDINO

Mr. Field,

The Carousel Mall, which is city property, located at 295 Carousel Mall, San Bernardino, is a multi-story commercial mall that has had multiple fires over the past few months. Conditions at this property create a high potential for a fire to ignite, grow rapidly, and spread.

Previous fires have deteriorated the malls condition which constitutes a clear and imminent threat to human life and to the safety and health of first responders performing suppression and rescue operations. The property is an attractive nuisance for vagrants, illegal activities, and is an immediate life safety hazard to neighboring residences and businesses.

Pursuant to Section 311 and Section 316 of the 2019 California Fire Code, the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District/Office of the Fire Marshal (SBCFPD/OFM) hereby issues an order to the City of San Bernardino to comply with the following immediate steps:

- **311.2.1 Security:** Exterior and interior openings accessible to other tenants or unauthorized persons shall be boarded, locked, blocked or otherwise protected to prevent entry by unauthorized individuals. The fire code official is authorized to placard, post signs, erect barrier tape or take similar measures as necessary to secure public safety.
- **Access:** Fire suppression crews identified specific doors at the mall that will need to stay accessible for their entry/exit needs. These predesignated access points will be required to have Knox Key access. A map of the mall showing these access points will be provided by the city to SBCFPD/OFM.
- **311.2.2 Fire protection:** Fire alarm, sprinkler, and standpipe systems shall always be maintained in an operable condition.

Exception: Where the premises have been cleared of all combustible materials and debris and, in the opinion of the fire code official, the type of construction, fire separation distance and security of the premises do not create a fire hazard.

- **311.3 Removal of combustibles:** Persons owning, or in charge or control of, a vacant building or portion thereof, shall remove therefrom all accumulations of combustible materials, flammable or combustible waste or rubbish and shall securely lock or otherwise secure doors, windows and other openings to prevent entry by unauthorized persons. The premises shall be maintained clear of waste or hazardous materials.

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- **316.1 Trapdoors to be closed:** Trapdoors and scuttle cover(s), other than those that are within a dwelling unit or automatically operated, shall always be kept closed except when in use.

Mechanical trapdoors for escalators throughout the mall are open or missing creating a 4 to 6-foot pitfall. Notify the SBCFPD/OFM when all above listed items have been completed.

Failure to comply with the above order within seven (7) days can result in further legal action.

Should you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at (909) 386-8400.

Thank you.

Yours in Service,



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