



City of San Bernardino

Community and Economic Development Department

October 26, 2022

Daniel Hernandez, Agency Director of Public Works, Operations, and Maintenance
City of San Bernardino
201 North D Street, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino CA, 92401

Re: Demolition of the Former Carousel Mall

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

This letter acts as the formal determination for the demolition of the former Carousel Mall pursuant to Section 15.37.040 of the San Bernardino Municipal Code. In my capacity as the Agency Director of Community, Housing & Economic Development, I am currently acting as the Building Official while the position is vacant.

As you know, the former Carousel Mall is over 50 years old and the Municipal Code requires determination prior to demolition. Chapter 15.37 (Historic Building Demolition Ordinance) of the Municipal Code requires an analysis of historical significance be prepared and considered by the Development and Environmental Review Committee (DERC), the Arts and Historical Preservation Commission, and the Planning Commission prior to the demolition of a building 50 years old or older unless a determination is made, supported by findings of fact, by the Building Official, that declares the building is dangerous and constitutes an imminent threat to public health and safety.

Moreover, despite continuous attempts to secure the building, the former Carousel Mall has become an attractive nuisance, with many individuals trespassing on the property and entering the building through the numerous entrances, resulting in significant vandalism and destruction of the interior spaces. Continued trespassing, transient activity, and vandalism has created an unsafe environment for both security staff and trespassers due to broken glass, unstable structural components, general debris, criminal activities, and lack of safe egress.

As a result, in my capacity as the acting Building Official, I hereby determine that the former Carousel Mall is dangerous and constitutes an imminent threat to public health and safety, which are grounds to proceed with the demolition.

Respectfully,

Nathan Freeman
Agency Director of Community, Housing & Economic Development

CC: Robert D. Field, City Manager