

November 26, 2024

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### **Legislative Notification of Redirection of Support Funding to Capital Outlay: Judicial Council Demolition of Los Angeles Mental Health Courthouse**

Pursuant to Section 6.00 of the 2023 Budget Act, the following notification is respectfully submitted.

The Judicial Council has requested the Department of Finance approve funding appropriated for support purposes to be redirected to a capital outlay project to demolish the Los Angeles Mental Health Courthouse. The project cost is \$1.76 million, which will be funded through a redirection of funding appropriated for facility maintenance. The funds are needed to develop a demolition plan; determine the extent of hazardous materials; develop a hazardous materials remediation protocol; obtain permits for demolition, air quality, and street closures; demolish and dispose of debris; and install new fencing.

On September 21, 2024, the vacant Los Angeles Mental Health Courthouse was severely damaged by fire. No injuries were reported, but the roof structure sustained major fire damage and collapsed. The fire department installed temporary bracing at the masonry structure to prevent further collapse; however, the structure is unstable and a hazard to the public and adjacent properties. The building facade directly abuts the public sidewalk on two sides and is adjacent to a neighboring building on a third.

The City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, has "red tagged" the 28,000 square foot building and issued a notice of prohibition of entry. The Judicial Council has installed barricades and strengthened the anti-climb fencing; however, unauthorized persons continue to gain access to the structure. On October 28, 2024, a second fire was reported and extinguished. The Judicial Council is concerned about the potential risk of vandalism and entry by unauthorized persons into the unsafe and "red-tagged" structure. In its current state, the property poses a serious threat to life and safety and is a significant liability to the state. See attached photographs for reference.

Pursuant to Section 6.00, Finance approval of this redirection cannot occur until 30 days after legislative notification. However, because of the substantive danger to life and safety that exists currently at the site, Finance respectfully requests an expedited legislative review and response.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Koreen H. van Ravenhorst, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-9694.

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Director

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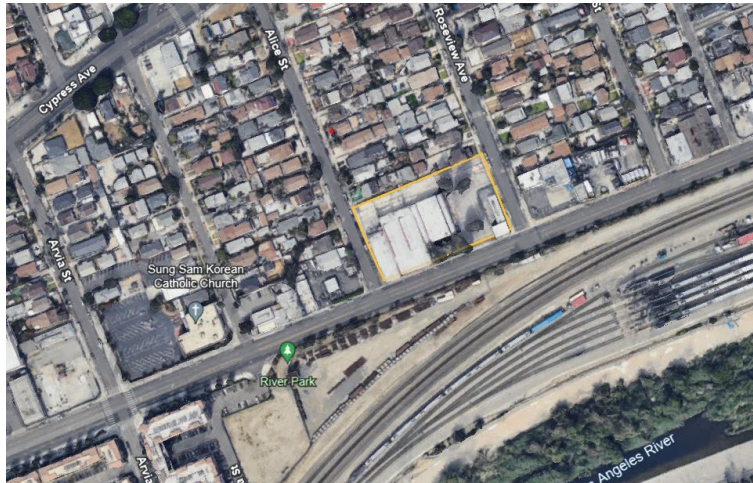
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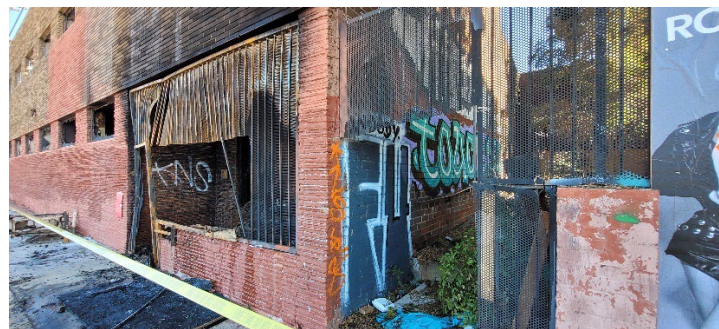
**Property 19-P1 – 1150 North San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, CA, 90065**



Site map – property in yellow box.



Picture before fire.



Cut fence allowing access to the property including the building.



Interior fire damage.



Fallen debris from fire on October 28, 2024, to the sidewalk on North San Fernando Road.



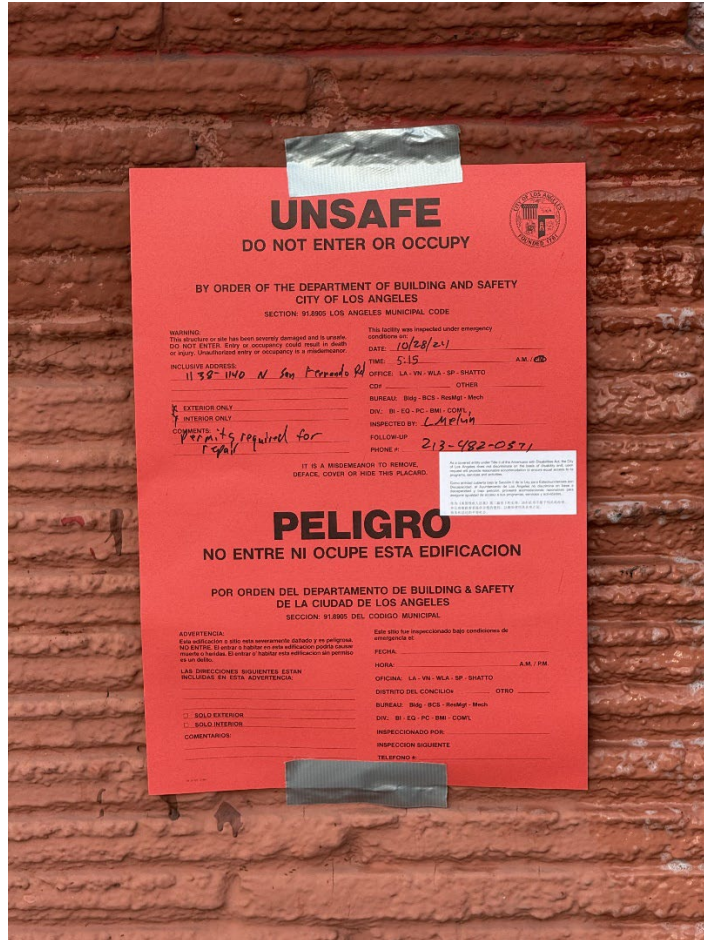
Unauthorized entry into the property.



Damaged building from the October 28, 2024, fire abuts city sidewalk (San Fernando Road).



Collapsed steel structure due to the October 28, 2024, fire.



Department of Building and Safety, City of Los Angeles prohibiting entry.