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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Dear Mr. Murillo:

Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
For the Newport Beach City Hall and Park Development Project

Thank you for submitting the Newport Beach City Hall and Park Development Project for review and comment. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is comprised of 26 cities and water agencies charged with providing a reliable supply of high quality drinking water to 18 million people in six counties in Southern California. Metropolitan reviews the consistency of local plans, projects, and programs for effects to Metropolitan's projects, programs, activities, and planning efforts. Information provided by these reviews is intended to encourage local agencies and project sponsors to take actions that aid and sustain Metropolitan's water policies and programs, including conservation, recycling, and reclamation.

We reviewed the notice environmental document and determined the proposed Project is not regionally significant to Metropolitan. Metropolitan does not own or operate any facilities or maintain real estate entitlements within the footprint of the proposed Project; however, we are concerned with water conservation and encourage projects to include water conservation measures. Metropolitan supports mitigation measures such as using water efficient fixtures, drought-tolerant landscaping, and reclaimed water to offset any increase in water use associated with the proposed project.

Should there be a change in the scope of the Project, we would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment at that time. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Mrs. Rebecca De Leon at (213) 217-6337.

Very truly yours,

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Manager, Environmental Planning Team

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