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February 1, 2010

Gayle Erbe-Hamlin
County Administrator
County of El Dorado
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, California 95667-4197

Re: Letter of January 26, 2010, Request for Postponement

Dear Ms. Erbe-Hamlin:

Thank you for your letter of January 26, 2010.

I met with staff this noon and am offering the following information and comments regarding the proposed RDA Project Area #2:

1. The Draft Redevelopment Plan and Preliminary Report were sent to you on September 25, 2009. County officials may comment on these documents up until the time of the joint public hearing that will likely occur in late March or early April 2010. The hearing will be noticed in advance in accordance to Law;
2. The Draft EIR was sent to you on November 24, 2009 in accordance with the Law. Michael Applegarth of your office requested an additional copy of this information and Mr. Palazzo provided him with another copy and electronic versions of same.
3. On November 30, 2009, the City Manager, Director of RDA, City Attorney, Director of Finance and Consultant Don Fraser met with Ron Grassi, Assistant County Administrator Sally Zutter of the Assessor's Office, Karl Paul Weiland, Deputy County Assessor, and another County staff member to review and discuss proposed RDA Project Area #2. The meeting took place in the RDA Conference Room at the Airport. A good meeting and discussion took place about the purpose and intent of the plan and a request to your staff was made to provide us with any additional comments they may have.
4. A request was made (after November 30th) by Michael Applegarth and Mr. Grassi for City staff to make a presentation before the Board on the proposed plan, and we have in good faith attempted to schedule same. The request initially was for a general overview and staff members and I provided the Board with a background report last week. Unfortunately, the

City Attorney/ Agency Counsel may have to attend a bankruptcy hearing in Sacramento tomorrow regarding the convention center project, and his presence at the meeting of the Board is needed. I too will be out of the office for the rest of the week on business and will not be back in the office until next weekend.

5. The City Planning Commission will consider the final EIR and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council at a meeting later in February or early March. There will be no meeting of the Commission on February 11th as your letter suggests. The comment period on the draft EIR closed by OPR on January 14, 2010. All other agencies that received notice have provided comments within the time limits prescribed in Law.

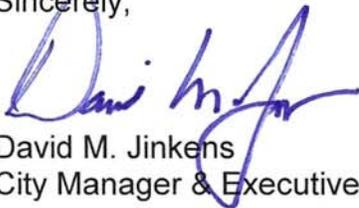
The City of South Lake Tahoe has and will continue to comply with all provisions of the Law regarding the process for adopting a new redevelopment project area, and we appreciate your interest in this important local community improvement process.

If County officials would like to submit additional questions to my office regarding this process, I will get a written reply to you. In light of the additional time it will take us to bring this matter to the City Council, the absence of the Agency Counsel, and the desire of the Board to formulate additional questions, it might be appear better for us to re-schedule the presentation, and I am making this request of you.

I would be pleased as well to meet with your staff or other County elected and/or appointed officials in the mean time to address specific questions or concerns. Thank you for your courtesy in this regard.

Please extend my best wishes to Chair Santiago and Board members.

Sincerely,



David M. Jinkens
City Manager & Executive Director, STRA

- C: The Honorable Norma Santiago, Chair of the Board
Agency Counsel
Director of Redevelopment and Housing
Director of Finance
Redevelopment Financial Advisor
City Clerk