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Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed 2929 Pico Boulevard Mixed Use Office/Retail Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND.

The Lead Agency proposes to demolish an existing automobile service building and parking lot, and construct an 18,854-square-foot commercial building with subterranean parking on 15,086 square feet (Proposed Project). Based on a review of Section IV, *Cultural Resources*, in the MND, SCAQMD staff found that the existing building was built in 1959¹. In the event that asbestos is encountered during demolition, the Lead Agency should include a discussion to demonstrate that the Proposed Project will be in compliance with SCAQMD Rule 1403, Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation, in the Final MND.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, prior to approving the Proposed Project, the Lead Agency shall consider the MND for adoption together with any comments received during the public review process. Please provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. When responding to issues raised in the comments, response should provide sufficient details giving reasons why specific comments and suggestions are not accepted. There should be good faith, reasoned analysis in response. Conclusory statements unsupported by factual information do not facilitate the purpose and goal of CEQA on public disclosure and are not meaningful or useful to decision makers and to the public who are interested in the Proposed Project.

SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address any air quality questions that may arise from this comment letter. Please contact me at lsun@aqmd.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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¹ MND, Page 39.