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RE: Broadway and 4th Project, Central City Development Group

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Dear Ms. Lamb,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Conservancy I am writing in regards to the Broadway and 4<sup>th</sup> project in Downtown Los Angeles. While we generally do not comment on new construction projects that do not directly involve a historic building, the Conservancy would like to acknowledge that this project is one of the first major developments to be proposed within the historic Broadway National Register historic district.

We want to commend the Central City Development Group for reaching out to the Conservancy and offering us the opportunity to provide comments in regards to the project and its application in meeting the design guidelines. An area of initial concern was the balconies on both the base and tower structures, as this type of feature is generally not compatible with the overall character of the historic district. The proposed project has since been revised and the balconies removed from the lower base structure and appear to be reduced in scale on the upper tower portion.

We believe Central City Development Group has worked hard to develop a project that meets the spirit of the design guidelines and has responded to the Conservancy's concerns. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

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