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FW: [External] RE: Apology to the Committee

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Hello Committee members,

As Chair, I would like to apologize.

First, several members commented regarding the site of the hybrid meeting not officially being listed on the minutes. While that is not possible since it was not decided until too late to officially be included on the packet, the blame still lies with me and it took up precious time from the meeting. On that note, the location address of:

3696 Beatty Dr
Riverside CA 92506

will be included for the subsequent packet. As a further reminder, staff is not encouraging the hybrid meeting option, I am simply respecting the wishes of all committee members to provide the options that work best for them. If you wish to remain attending meetings virtually, I encourage you to do so. If you wish to meet in person, I encourage you to do so. Further, the public will **only** be encouraged to participate virtually (as Council has chosen to do for the better part of a year).

Second, I would like to apologize since the membership had just learned of the Prada settlement (pending passage of a ballot proposition) at last night's meeting. Vice Chair Mckeith and I only learned of the settlement earlier on the same day. While I was busy with work, "busy with work" is not an adequate reason not to take the time to email the membership on an important issue that affects discussion and the membership is entitled to a thorough discussion of all facts that affect the committee's decision. It is for that reason that I urge all of the committee members and alternate to take the time to review the research that staff takes the time to give us.

As always, I appreciate your patience with me as Chair and even more appreciate the time you all give to these three important matters that our fellow Citizens and Residents are depending on us for. Staff, please include this letter in the upcoming official packet so as to not violate the Brown Act.

In Liberty,

Ben