March 20, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger, Chair  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 869  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Confirmation of the City of Inglewood’s Actions Implementing the County’s Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19

Dear Chair Barger:

First, thank you for your extraordinary work responding to the demands of the novel coronavirus, and protecting the well-being of residents within Los Angeles County, including those who live in the City of Inglewood. As a former police officer for 19 years, Chief of Police for 15 years, and Assistant General Manager for Los Angeles World Airports in charge of public safety and counterterrorism, and now as Mayor of the City of Inglewood, I understand and appreciate the vital work you and your colleagues are undertaking.

I write this letter to express the City’s understanding as to the scope and requirements of the “Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19” issued on March 19, 2020 (the “County Order”), particularly in view of the Order of the State Public Health Officer dated March 19, 2020 (the “State Order”). The State Order is intended to “establish consistency across the State” and provides for the “continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, critical government services, schools, childcare, and construction, including housing construction.” (Emphasis added.) The State Order is reflected in Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-33-20, and was announced and clarified on March 20, 2020 at: https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/.

I write specifically with respect to the ongoing construction of public streets, storm water treatment, sewer, water, electricity, communications and other infrastructure related to the outdoor NFL Football stadium located in the City of Inglewood, as well as construction of the stadium project itself, the totality of which is occurring on a greater than 280-acre site (the “Inglewood Public Construction Efforts”).

Based on the language quoted above from the State Order, and also based on the defined scope of the County Order (which I do not detail in this letter because of the overarching language from the State Order quoted above), I understand that neither the State Order nor the County Order apply to the
Inglewood Public Construction Efforts.

Additionally, City staff has directed, and the applicable construction teams have implemented to the maximum extent practicable: (a) social distancing; (b) hand washing facilities; (c) strict orders for all workers (no members of the general public have access to construction sites) to not enter the construction site if they are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness (including cough and fever); (d) adherence to communicable disease control recommendations provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; and (e) direction for all non-essential personnel to stay home. And, in keeping with the spirit of public health directives, including the State Order and the County Order, I have urged anyone who is sick, feels at risk, or is otherwise uncomfortable to stay at home. I understand that the construction teams have reiterated and fully support this direction.

I have attached a set of the construction team’s protocols for your additional reference. If there are further steps that you or the Department of Public Health recommend the construction team implement, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you again for your work during these vital times.

Sincerely,

JAMES T. BUTTS, JR.
Mayor

Enclosures
Copy to:

The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor, Second District