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Ron Meyer, President  
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Dear Mr. Meyer,

I have always appreciated the opportunity to discuss with you my vision and concerns regarding the two proposed NBC/Universal projects.

As you know, I have always opposed the proposed project at the MTA Red Line Subway location because I felt it was much too large, and was pleased to hear that the project was abandoned. I would like to meet with you to discuss the future of the subway site with a housing component at that location. I also will be meeting with area residents to solicit their thoughts for the MTA site as the slate seems to be clean.

I also have had serious reservations about NBC/Universal's "Evolution Plan." I strongly agree with Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky in his recent communication to you. In fact, at the December 13, 2010 draft EIR public meeting, if you recall the public testimony, I stated that I could not support 3000 housing units on the current Universal backlot due to the intensity of the proposed project which would impede what is most important: the production of movies and television at Universal. I would hate to see overdevelopment that would stop the rolling of cameras. But I do want to see balanced development and would support a hotel to welcome even more visitors to Universal City.

As you know, I have always been a strong supporter of the film industry, as well as tourism. I will continue to support NBC/Universal in your plans to expand the theme park with new features like the exciting Harry Potter attraction. I was also pleased to hear about the adaptive reuse of the Technicolor Building for KNBC and Telemundo.

Ron, timing is everything in life. I would ask that you reconsider putting housing on your backlot. The final EIR will be available shortly, with public hearings to follow. Now is the time to re-evaluate the Evolution Plan before any public hearings are held (just like your talented film editors, cut the housing and leave it on the cutting room floor).



You indicated to me that you would like to have all your facilities on the Universal property. I fully agree and in addition, I would like to see you expand your studio campus. Let's work together on an Evolution Plan that deletes the housing portion of the project and one that will not conflict with the studio operation.

As we look to the future, I would much rather see jobs – jobs – jobs in production and tourist-related activity.

Please call me at (213) 485-3337 and we can get together at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Labonge', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

TOM LABONGE  
Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District

Cc: Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor, County of Los Angeles  
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