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To: URM Policy Committee Members and Interested Parties
From: Jonna Papaefthimiou, AICP
RE: Summary of Changes for Revised Policy Committee Report
Date: April 13, 2017

A fourth draft of the URM Policy Committee report is now available, and has been posted on the bureau's website. It incorporates a number of suggestions received in response to the March 2017 draft.

Several commenters suggested that the report does not reflect a consensus within the Policy Committee, and that some committee members may have hesitation about recommending mandatory retrofits without securing greater financial support. The Policy Committee will discuss this at their remaining meeting(s), and the final report will ultimately reflect the recommendations of the group. However, the final recommendation was not modified in advance of that discussion. The April report should therefore be viewed as an interim, *working* draft.

The following revisions were made to the April 2017 Policy Committee report:

- The cost-benefit section was expanded to provide more detail on which costs and benefits were included, and to address the issue of "who benefits, who pays."
- The financial supports section was re-worked to more strongly acknowledge the difficulties owners may face, to include more information about the demolitions that occurred in California cities, and to emphasize the financial strategies that seem most promising now.
- The public engagement section was revised so that the staff takes greater responsibility for the outreach work; it also mentions recent increased participation in meetings by property owners.

In addition, the report includes some editorial changes to language throughout the document, mostly aimed at more strongly acknowledging that there are significant potential impacts to property owners.

The glossary was also expanded to include definitions of "Bolts Plus" and "Modified Bolts Plus."