

**Melrose High Hopes Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Beat 27x
484 Lakepark Avenue Suite 371 Oakland, California**



November 16, 2012

Mr. Pedro R. Reyes
Chief Policy Director
California Department of Finance
915 L Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-3706

RE: Support of Foothill and Seminary Avenue Property Disposition

Dear Mr. Reyes:

We strongly support the proposed commercial project at Foothill and Seminary Avenue. The former Agency acquired the parcels over a period of several years. The proposed project includes a new 27,000 square foot neighborhood-serving retail center anchored by a 14,000 square foot Walgreen's and additional retail tenants. We strongly support this project since it would help eliminate negative blighting influences on our surrounding community and will attract local jobs. We ask that the Department of Finance support our efforts towards placing these parcels back into productive use to the benefit of our local neighborhood. By allowing the property disposition to occur, the Department will help us bring much needed neighborhood retail and jobs to our surrounding community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Preston J. Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Preston J. Turner
Chair
Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council