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Subject: Insufficient public accountability for filming permit approval and enforcement

Honorable Supervisor Barger,

On behalf of the Altadena Town Council, I am attaching a report on accountability in the County's filming permit and enforcement processes. The report was prepared by the Town Council's Filming Committee in response to repeated complaints from members of the Altadena Community.

This study is the result of an 18-month effort. The Committee has reviewed the official documents and has been in regular communication with the County Departments and contractors responsible for filming permits. We believe the report represents an accurate understanding of the County's filming permit process and policies.

Based on the Committee's findings, the Council makes the following recommendations:

1. Unify the permit application evaluation and approval process into a single office.
2. Provide enforcement mechanisms for permit enforcement.
3. Require that the Permit Authority specify an on-set County representative who has been delegated the authority to enforce permit conditions.
4. Institute a program of documenting the County's permit approval and enforcement policies.

The findings in the study explain the concerns that motivated these recommendations.

We believe that the adoption of these recommendations will improve accountability on the part of the County and will improve industry's adherence to permit conditions, thereby helping to eliminate the causes of our community's most frequent complaints. We ask that you endorse and champion these recommendations in order to keep Altadena a filming-friendly community.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Altadena Town Council