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February 23, 2015

**VIA EMAIL [Dianne@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:Dianne@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)**  
**AND U.S. MAIL**

Dianne Black  
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Re: Scheduling of Miramar Appeals

Dear Ms. Black:

This letter is in response to your February 18, 2015 email in which you emphatically stated that the May 5, 2015 date for the Miramar appeal that was repeatedly proposed to us by your own staff is NOT confirmed, and in which you continue to insist on the idea of an April 14, 2015 appeal hearing date at the Board of Supervisors despite having been previously provided with Los Angeles County Superior Court scheduling documents that attest to the fact that April 14, 2015 is impossible for us. (See enclosed emails string and Superior Court scheduling documents.) Frankly, we are at a loss to understand what is driving your apparent desire to preclude us from being able to attend and represent our clients at their own appeal.

To repeat, my firm represents the plaintiffs in the Millennium Hollywood earthquake fault case scheduled to go to trial on April 21, 2015. We also have a court-mandated brief filing on April 14, 2015 that is crucial to that case. This is a high-profile lawsuit that has been proceeding to trial since 2013. You can see in the enclosed court documents that both the trial date and the brief filing date were set by Judge James C. Chalfant in September 2014, before the Miramar case was even heard by the Montecito Planning Commission, much less when we appealed the decision.

Due process requires that the County of Santa Barbara provide all appellants the opportunity to be represented by legal counsel of their choice and that they be given adequate time to prepare their appeals. If you insist on setting the appeal hearing for April 14, 2015, you will effectively deprive my clients of their choice of representation and, therefore, also deprive them of due process. We, working with the dates proposed

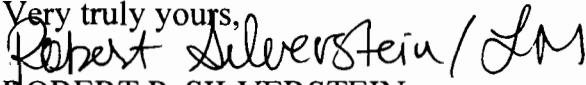
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by your own staff, agreed to May 5, 2015. We are ready and anxious to proceed with our appeal on that date.

The fact that you also copied Caruso Affiliated's Executive Vice President Matt Middlebrook into a long string of previously private email exchanges between your office and mine creates the impression that you are being pressured from his side to advance the hearing date and that you wanted to give him visibility on our correspondence. And disconcertingly, that supports the appearance of improper bias by you in trying to schedule the hearing on a date designed to deprive my clients of their legal representation. I can understand why he might try to do that, but your validation of such unfairness is unexpected.

If, in fact, we were the only appellant, I might understand Middlebrook's rush to get the hearing scheduled and over with. But Caruso Affiliated also appealed the Montecito Planning Commission's approval of their own project. We have spoken to people in the Supervisors' office who told us that in the case of dual appeals of land use decisions it is expected that the office of P&D will work with BOTH appellants to determine a date that works for BOTH sides. However, from what we are seeing, it looks as though you are working with one side to settle on a date that clearly does not work for the other side. If there is a problem with Caruso Affiliated that precludes them attending a May 5, 2015 hearing, we will be happy to accommodate their needs and pick a later date.

We have copied 1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor Carbajal's office, since that is where the Miramar project is located, as well as the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor Janet Wolf, as she is the current Board Chair. It is our hope that they will help you to move toward May 5, 2015 or any other later available date that is acceptable to BOTH sides. Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
  
ROBERT P. SILVERSTEIN  
FOR  
THE SILVERSTEIN LAW FIRM

RPS:Imp  
Encls.

cc: Supervisor Salud Carbajal (via email and U.S. mail)  
Supervisor Janet Wolf (via email and U.S. mail)  
Mr. Glenn Russell (via email and U.S. mail)

**Robert Silverstein - RE: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates**

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**From:** "Black, Dianne" <Dianne@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>  
**To:** 'Robert Silverstein' <robert@robertsilversteinlaw.com>, "Lieu, Nicole" <...>  
**Date:** 2/18/2015 3:53 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates  
**CC:** Christopher Price <cp@ppplaw.com>, 'Matt Middlebrook' <MMiddlebrook@Caru...>

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Mr. Silverstein,

May 5<sup>th</sup> is NOT confirmed. A hearing date will not be confirmed until it is set by the Board of Supervisors. At this point, given the disparate interests of the two appellants regarding dates, we plan to go to the Board of Supervisors in March (either 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>) with a request to set the appeal hearing. We will be offering April 14<sup>th</sup> and the alternative of May 5<sup>th</sup> with an explanation of both party's interests and constraints. We will provide you with the Board letter in advance. You will have an opportunity to address the Board of Supervisors regarding the hearing date in writing and/or at the hearing where the date is set for the appeals.

Regards,

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Planning and Development  
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**From:** Robert Silverstein [robert@robertsilversteinlaw.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 3:40 PM  
**To:** Black, Dianne; Lieu, Nicole  
**Cc:** Christopher Price  
**Subject:** RE: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates

Hi Nicole:

I assume May 5, 2015 is confirmed, but we haven't heard back specifically. Obviously the date matters for the time estimate because if the County intends to proceed with April 14 or 21, 2015, then my time estimate would be zero because no one from my office would be able to attend. Please confirm May 5th and then we can respond to your question below. Thank you.

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**To:** 'Robert Silverstein' <[robert@robertsilversteinlaw.com](mailto:robert@robertsilversteinlaw.com)>  
**Date:** 2/18/2015 1:33 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates

Hi Robert,

For your appeal presentation, can you give me an estimate for the amount of time you will need? It should be somewhere between 3 and 15 minutes. We provide a hearing time estimate for Board items so that they can manage the agenda accordingly.

Thank you,

*Nicole Lieu*  
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**From:** Robert Silverstein [<mailto:robert@robertsilversteinlaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:10 AM  
**To:** Lieu, Nicole  
**Cc:** Almy, Anne; Black, Dianne; Christopher Price  
**Subject:** Re: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates

Nicole and Dianne:

Thank you. Please contact me with any questions or if you need further information. Again, May 5, 2015 works for the Pachulskis and their counsel. April dates do not.

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**Date:** 2/11/2015 8:47 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates

Dear Robert,

I apologize for any confusion. As a staff member, I can receive confirmation dates from applicants/appellants and can pass on information about schedule conflicts. However, ultimately, the Board of Supervisors will determine when they hear a project. Prior to yesterday, I had not received confirmation that both you and the Pachulski family could attend any of the hearing dates. Regarding April 14th, I originally thought it was not possible due to the fact that it is scheduled to be in Santa Maria. However, I now understand that the Board has the authority to move hearings from Santa Maria to Santa Barbara as appropriate. I will ensure that your schedule conflicts (which you have documented) are passed on, along with your confirmation that your group can make May 5.

Thank you,

Nicole

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID*

Robert Silverstein <[robert@robertsilversteinlaw.com](mailto:robert@robertsilversteinlaw.com)> wrote:

Hello Dianne and Nicole:

As a follow up to the emails below (and another which I am attaching for Dianne's convenience), since September 2014 I have been under a trial and briefing schedule in L.A. County Superior Court which makes both April 14 and 21, 2015 impossible in Santa Barbara.

When Nicole offered May 5 and 12, 2015, we stated that although May 12 was preferable, May 5 would work. I then cleared that with my clients and Chris Price (who is cc'd here; pls keep him in our email loop).

I am perplexed that this is all coming up now. Originally Nicole informed us that April 21, 2015 was the *earliest* date possible given the docket schedule for her staff report. Indeed, less than two hours before the 4:59 p.m. email from Nicole yesterday regarding the new proposed April 14, 2015 date, at **3:12 p.m. yesterday**, Nicole wrote:

Dear Robert and Chris,

I believe May 5<sup>th</sup> would be most appropriate as it is a Santa Barbara hearing (rather than Santa Maria). Can you provide confirmation that May 5<sup>th</sup> will work for you and the Pachulskis?

Alternatively, if May 5<sup>th</sup> won't work, can you confirm May 12<sup>th</sup>?

Also yesterday, Nicole left a VM for my paralegal Esther stating:

*"Esther, I am calling re the Miramar appeal. I wanted to confirm that Mr. Silverstein and the Pachulskis are available for the Board of Supervisors hearing on May 5. If they are unable to attend on May 5, I was wondering if you (they) can make it on the 12th. May 5 would be preferable because it is located in Santa Barbara and would allow the other interested neighbors to attend the hearing. The 12th hearing would be in Santa Maria. Hope you can confirm for May 5. Thank you. My number is (805) 884-8068."*

We have cooperated and promptly replied with our April 2015 scheduling conflicts. At Nicole's request, we also sent her Word versions of our objection letters to facilitate her work. We need a similar reasonable accommodation because both April dates are impossible, Nicole on several occasions provided May 5 as available and sought to confirm, and we accepted that.

Dianne: Chris Price and I are available to discuss with you tomorrow, Wed., if you believe a call to further explain my trial briefing and trial hearing schedule is necessary. If it is, please let us know what time would be good for your after about 11:00 a.m. Assuming it is not necessary, please confirm the appeal hearing date of May 5, 2015. Thank you in advance.

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**CC:** "Almy, Anne" <[Anne@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:Anne@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)>  
**Date:** 2/10/2015 10:11 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates

Hi Robert,

Yes, first let me clarify that P&D staff can indicate preferences for hearing dates to the Board of Supervisors (BOS), but, ultimately, it is the BOS discretion as to when they hear projects. Also, I want to clarify that I did not "confirm" May 5<sup>th</sup>, but was attempting to secure a date that your group could confirm attendance for.

Dianne's email address is: [Dianne@countyofsb.org](mailto:Dianne@countyofsb.org)

Thank you-Nicole

**From:** Robert Silverstein [<mailto:robert@robertsilversteinlaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 9:34 AM  
**To:** Lieu, Nicole  
**Cc:** Almy, Anne; Christopher Price  
**Subject:** RE: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates

Nicole:

Thank you. Could you pls also send me Dianne Black's email address.

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**Date:** 2/10/2015 9:29 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates

Dear Robert,

Understood. I will pass this information on to my supervisors and to the project applicant. Regarding your previous commitments, would also you please contact my Assistant Director (Dianne Black) at [805-568-2086](tel:805-568-2086) to explain that the two dates are already reserved to file your brief and to attend the trial? Dianne is tasked with helping to schedule appropriate dates for appeals to the Board of Supervisors.

Note: I had previously indicated to all parties that you were in trial on the 21<sup>st</sup> but in "trial prep" (rather than filing your brief) on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

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**From:** Robert Silverstein [<mailto:robert@robertsilversteinlaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2015 5:26 PM  
**To:** Lieu, Nicole  
**Cc:** Almy, Anne; Christopher Price



**Subject:** Re: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates  
**Importance:** High

Nicole:

In reliance on your prior emails I have already confirmed with my clients that they (and this office) can do May 5, 2015. We need to stay with that. Both dates in April are impossible. The April 14, 2015 date that you now are mentioning is the date we are filing our reply trial brief in the huge trial I have on April 21, 2015. That date has been set by the Los Angeles County Superior Court since September 9, 2014. Please see attached document.

Part of this appeal process also must be due process for all involved. Given my pre-existing trial and briefing schedule in the Millennium towers case, if the appeal hearing were set for April 14, 2015, my clients would effectively be denied their representation, and as a result, due process.

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**Date:** 2/9/2015 4:59 PM  
**Subject:** Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates

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**Robert Silverstein - Re: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates**

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**To:** Nicole Lieu  
**Date:** 2/9/2015 5:26 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Miramar Appeal Hearing Dates  
**CC:** Anne Almy; Price, Christopher  
**BC:** Robert Silverstein  
**Attachments:** 1-20-15 [Scan] Signed Order re Modified Brief Lengths.PDF

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14 ABRAHAMS

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16 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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19 REASONABLE DEVELOPMENT, California  
20 unincorporated associations; BEACHWOOD  
21 CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION,  
22 a California corporation; GEORGE  
23 ABRAHAMS, individually,

24 Petitioners and Plaintiffs,

25 vs.

26 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal  
27 corporation; LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL;  
28 and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,

Respondents and Defendants

MILLENNIUM HOLLYWOOD, LLC, a  
Delaware limited liability company; and ROES 1  
through 20, inclusive,

Real Parties in Interest.

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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk  
By Annette Falardo, Deputy

Case No. BS 144606  
[Related to Case No. BS 144491]

STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~  
ORDER RE MODIFIED BRIEF  
LENGTHS

Trial: April 21, 2015  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Dept.: 85

[Hon. James C. Chalfant]

1           1.       WHEREAS, on September 9, 2014, the Court, the Hon. James C. Chalfant,  
2 allowed 60 pages (30 and 30) for the opening memoranda of points and authorities as  
3 between Petitioners STOPTHEMILLENNIUMHOLLYWOOD.COM, et al. ("STMH"),  
4 and HEI/GC HOLLYWOOD AND VINE CONDOMINIUMS LLC ("HEI"), in the two  
5 related cases, BS 144606 ("STMH case") and BS 144491 ("HEI case"). The Court also  
6 allowed 60 pages for a single, combined opposition memorandum of points and authorities  
7 by the City and Real Party, and 36 pages (18 and 18) for reply points and authorities by  
8 STMH and HEI.

9           2.       WHEREAS on or about December 9, 2014, HEI requested dismissal of and  
10 the Court dismissed the HEI case.

11           3.       WHEREAS to avoid any ambiguity about brief lengths, to adjust for the  
12 departure of HEI from the litigation, to accommodate certain overlapping issues between  
13 the STMH case and HEI case that HEI had planned to entirely or largely present, but  
14 which now STMH intends to present, and to avoid burdening the Court with motion or ex  
15 parte practice, the Parties to the litigation have met and conferred and agree to stipulate to  
16 the following modified brief lengths: 40 for STMH's opening memorandum of points and  
17 authorities; 40 for a single, combined opposition memorandum of points and authorities by  
18 the City and Real Party, and 25 for STMH's reply memorandum of points and authorities.  
19 In addition, the briefing schedule previously ordered by the Court of January 28, 2015 for  
20 opening; March 13, 2015 for opposition; and April 14, 2015 for reply shall remain  
21 unchanged.

22           4.       WHEREAS, the Parties agree that this stipulation may be signed in  
23 counterparts by facsimile or scan;

24           5.       NOW THEREFORE the Parties, by and through their attorneys of record,  
25 stipulate to the following modified brief lengths: 40 for STMH's opening memorandum of  
26 points and authorities; 40 for a single, combined opposition memorandum of points and  
27 authorities by the City and Real Party, and 25 for STMH's reply memorandum of points  
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1 and authorities; and further stipulate that the briefing schedule previously ordered by the  
2 Court of January 28, 2015 for opening; March 13, 2015 for opposition; and April 14, 2015  
3 for reply shall remain unchanged.

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5 DATED: January 16, 2014<sup>5</sup> THE SILVERSTEIN LAW FIRM, APC

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7 By: *Daniel P. Wright*  
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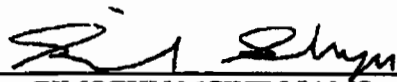
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1 and authorities; and further stipulate that the briefing schedule previously ordered by the  
2 Court of January 28, 2015 for opening; March 13, 2015 for opposition; and April 14, 2015  
3 for reply shall remain unchanged.

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ORDER

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2 Upon reading the Stipulation of the Parties and good cause appearing therefor,  
3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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5 DATED: JAN 20 2015

6 JS JAMES C. CHALFANT

7 The Honorable James C. Chalfant  
8 Judge of the Superior Court  
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16 **CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ET AL.**  
17 **CASE No.: BS144606 [Related to Case No. BS144491]**

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Status: Pending

Cases Related: BS144491 on 02/27/2014

#### Future Hearings

**04/21/2015** at 01:30 pm in department 85 at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Hearing--Writ of Mandate(2) Motion to Augment

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- MILLENNIUM HOLLYWOOD LLC - Real Party in Interest
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**01/28/2015** Points and Authorities (OPENING )  
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**01/28/2015** Motion-Augment  
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**01/20/2015** Stipulation and Order (re modified brief lengths )  
Filed by Attorney for Pltf/Petr

**11/21/2014** Answer  
Filed by Attorney for Real Pty in Interest

**11/13/2014** Notice (OF ORDER ON STIPULATION RE FILING FIRST AMENDED PETITION )  
Filed by Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner

**11/10/2014** Answer  
Filed by Attorney for Respondent

**11/07/2014** Stipulation and Order (re filing first amd petn )  
Filed by Attorney for Pltf/Petr

**09/05/2014** Amended Petition (VERIFIED FIRST )  
Filed by Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner

**08/29/2014** Miscellaneous-Other (CERTIFICATIONS OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS )  
Filed by Attorney for Respondent

**07/21/2014** Request for Certified Copy  
Filed by Defendant

**07/17/2014** Order (TENTATIVE DECISION )  
Filed by Court

**07/10/2014** Brief-Reply (JOINT REPLY BRIEF, DECLARATION OF ALEXANDER M. DEGOOD IN SUPPORT THE REOF )  
Filed by Attorney for Real Pty in Interest

**07/10/2014** Reply/Response (IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION FOR ORDER ; 1) EXCLUDING FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD DOCUMENTS IMPROPERLY SOUGHT TO BE INCLUDED BY THE CITY, AND 2) INCLUDING SPECIFIED DOCUMENTS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD)  
Filed by Attorney for Petitioner

**07/03/2014** Opposition Document  
Filed by Attorney for Pltf/Petr

**07/03/2014** Opposition Points & Authorities  
Filed by Attorney for Real Pty in Interest

**06/24/2014** Motion for an Order (FOR ORDERS: 1) EXCLUDING FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD DOCUMENTS IMPROPERLY SOUGHT TO BE INCLUDED BY THE CITY, AND 2) INCLUDING SPECIFIED DOCUMENTS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD; DECLARATIONS OF DANIEL E.)  
Filed by Attorney for Petitioner

**06/24/2014** Motion (TO RESOLVE DISPUTES REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE RELATED MANDATE PETITIONS FOR TRIAL; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES, DECLARATION OF ALEXANDER M. DEGOOD IN SUPPORT THEREOF)  
Filed by Attorney for Petitioner

**06/03/2014** Opposition Document  
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**04/17/2014** Notice of Trial Setting Conference  
Filed by Attorney for Real Pty in Interest

**04/11/2014** Notice (OF COURT ORDERS REGARDING CASE REASSIGNMENT )  
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Filed by Clerk

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**11/21/2013** Request (for continuance )  
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**09/30/2013** Answer to Petition  
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**09/10/2013** Notice of Settlement Conference (Notice of Settlement Meeting )  
Filed by Attorney for Respondent

**09/10/2013** Notice-Related Cases (BSI44491 )  
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**08/28/2013** Petition

**08/28/2013** Summons Filed  
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Trial Setting Conference - **Trial Date Set**

**07/17/2014** at 09:30 am in Department 85, James C. Chalfant, Presiding  
Trial Setting Conference - **Matter is heard, matter continued**

**06/03/2014** at 08:30 am in Department 85, James C. Chalfant, Presiding  
Exparte proceeding - **Denied**

**05/02/2014** at 08:30 am in Department 85, James C. Chalfant, Presiding  
Exparte proceeding - **Denied**

**04/07/2014** at 04:00 pm in Department 1, Daniel J. Buckley, Presiding  
Court Order - **Completed**

**03/21/2014** at 09:00 am in Department H, McKnew, Thomas I., Jr., Presiding  
Court Order - **Completed**

**12/03/2013** at 01:30 pm in Department 85, James C. Chalfant, Presiding  
Trial Setting Conference - **Matter is heard, matter continued**

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FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT 85

HON. JAMES C. CHALFANT, JUDGE

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LLC, )

PETITIONER, )

vs. )

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ET AL., )

RESPONDENTS. )

[ REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS ]

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1 take discovery on it because if they don't contend it was  
2 before the decision maker, then, you know, it's not really  
3 a matter where discovery is necessary. But if it's  
4 disputed, fine, then take discovery on it.

5 MR. SILVERSTEIN: We will.

6 THE COURT: But I'm going to set trial, which is  
7 what you want; right?

8 MR. ZISCHKE: Correct.

9 MR. WAITE: Correct.

10 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Your Honor, with regard to the  
11 trial date, I just want to make sure that we have adequate  
12 time to do -- first of all --

13 [ THE COURT: I'm setting trials in April. ]

14 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Okay. That's what I thought,  
15 given that the complexity of this, so I think that should  
16 allow us the time we need.

17 THE COURT: That's plenty of time.

18 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Okay.

19 THE COURT: I don't want to see any motions to  
20 compel. Not that I'm preventing you from you filing it,  
21 but I don't want to see it.

22 MR. SILVERSTEIN: I don't want to have to write a  
23 motion to compel or to strike. But, you know, if the real  
24 party and City would provide the information that this  
25 Court has already directed them to provide, I think that  
26 would be something we wouldn't be looking at. But what I  
27 am seeing and what we have encountered is a studious lack  
28 of information. Certainly a lack of clarity.

1 THE COURT: You are entitled to have clarity.  
2 Clarity is never a bad thing. It's always a good thing.

3 MR. SILVERSTEIN: By when will Mr. Shyu have to  
4 send us that confirmation. I have found dates are very  
5 important.

6 THE COURT: Is he available?

7 MR. ZISCHKE: He is.

8 MR. DEGOOD: I think he's returning from holiday  
9 on Thursday.

10 THE COURT: Okay. So how about 10 days from  
11 today. Will e-mail do?

12 MR. SILVERSTEIN: As long as it's in writing and  
13 as long as it is unambiguous. Because I think we all are  
14 in agreement that clarity is essential.

15 THE COURT: Clarity -- I don't know if clarity is  
16 essential, but it's a good thing.

17 MR. SILVERSTEIN: It's essential and a positive.

18 THE COURT: Definitely a positive. All right.

19 So the trial date.

20 THE CLERK: Tuesday, April 21.

21 THE COURT: April 21. That would be at 1:30. Is  
22 that acceptable?

23 MR. ZISCHKE: Is there an earlier date, your  
24 Honor. I ask only because I am probably changing some  
25 foreign travel plans.

26 THE COURT: Early April?

27 MR. ZISCHKE: Yes, an earlier date in April.

28 THE COURT: I don't think so. You could have a

1 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Yes. Government agencies, as I  
2 recall, don't have to file verified. They still have to go  
3 paragraph by paragraph. Can't do a general denial.

4 THE COURT: This is my 19th year on the bench.  
5 In 19 years on the bench, I have never looked at or cared  
6 about an answer and what it says.

7 MR. SILVERSTEIN: I would say that in my 18  
8 years, not on the bench but practicing, twice an answer has  
9 actually become outcome determinative.

10 THE COURT: Not affirmative defenses, but on  
11 denials or admissions.

12 MR. SILVERSTEIN: One was an affirmative defense,  
13 and one was a denial or admission.

14 MR. ZISCHKE: My experience, your Honor, is the  
15 same as yours, but they will be done on time.

16 THE COURT: Okay. So let me just set. I will  
17 just set it. All right. Let go backwards from April 21st.  
18 So the replies must be filed and served by April 14th.  
19 Let's say noon on April 14th. And the record -- you are  
20 going to give me an electronic record, joint appendix, and  
21 the notebook of briefs at the same time.

22 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Yes.

23 THE COURT: Opposition.

24 MR. ZISCHKE: May I make --

25 THE COURT: How about a month? A month to  
26 prepare the replies.

27 MR. SILVERSTEIN: That's fine, your Honor.

28 MR. WRIGHT: Yes.