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Dear Building Owner(s):

Increased Protection Against Exposure Fires

As building and business owners, protecting your property from risk is a priority. There are voluntary options for you to take to increase protection against exposure fires that could reduce the fire risk to your building or business. Many factors influence the potential of an exterior fire to spread to the interior of a building. One such factor is the presence of non-protected openings; such as windows, doors, louvers, and vents. Fire protection of an opening reduces the risk of exposure fires from spreading to the interior of a building. The following are options that can be used to increase fire protection to exterior wall openings:

- Fixed wire glass set in metal frame
- Minimum 45-minute rated fire window assemblies complying with Los Angeles Building Code (LABC), Section 716.6
- Minimum 45-minute rated fire doors and fire shutters complying with LABC, Section 716.5
- Water curtain using automatic sprinklers approved for the protection of openings
- Outside automatic sprinklers for exposure protection systems installed for the protection of openings in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems (NFPA 13). The water curtain shall be installed on the outside of the openings and in accordance with the Los Angeles Plumbing Code

The installation of fire protection assemblies and sprinklers systems require permits from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. For additional information please visit www.ladbs.org.

Sincerely,

Kristin M. Crowley
Fire Marshal