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City of Beverly Hills Disputes School District Statement

Beverly Hills, CA – The City of Beverly Hills disagrees strongly with a statement issued by the Beverly Hills Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy, which implies that the City and the school district are closely aligned in their position and legal actions against the Metropolitan Transit Authority’s (Metro) Purple Line Extension project.

In fact, the City has been discussing a settlement with Metro and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to resolve a number of legal disputes over the construction of the Purple Line. The City’s recent legal action against the FTA, which was referenced in the district’s statement, was undertaken in order to meet a deadline that passed before a settlement could be reached.

“The District’s statement was misleading, does not represent the City’s position on the subway and was released without our knowledge,” said Mayor Julian Gold. “At this time, the City feels that a mutually agreed upon settlement is in the best interests of the community. The City will continue to work closely with Metro to mitigate any impacts from construction to the high school, as we have for the areas near the La Cienega and Rodeo Drive stations.”

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