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Re: Hill RHF Housing Partners, L.P., et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al. Mesa RHF Partners, L.P., et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (Case No. S263734)

Notice of New Authority

Honorable Chief Justice and Associate Justices:

I represent the Defendants and Respondents, Downtown Center Business Improvement District Management Corp. and San Pedro Property Owners Alliance, in this matter. I write under California Rules of Court, rule 8.254 to inform the Court of a new authority pertinent to this matter: *KCSFV I, LLC, et al. v. Florin County Water District, et al.* (Cal. Ct. App., Third Appellate District, May 28, 2021), Case No. C088824 ("KCSFV").

KCSFV issued May 28, 2021, after the parties completed briefing on the issues for review by this Court, and therefore could not have been included. *KCSFV*'s discussion of the exhaustion doctrine and the authority in *Plantier v. Ramona Municipal Water District* (2019) 7 Cal.5th 372 may be relevant to the issues on review here, specifically the scope and application of the exhaustion doctrine under Proposition 218. *Plantier's* factual distinctions, legal analysis, and limited holding is directly raised in

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Respondents' Joint Answer Brief on the Merits (pages 61 through 65), and thus *KCSFV*'s discussion and distinction of *Plantier* is relevant authority here.

Respectfully,

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