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## **GARCETTI, LABONGE SEEK NEW FIRE STATION SITE FLORENTINE GARDENS LOCATION DEEMED FISCALLY UNSOUND**

Council President Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Tom LaBonge issued instructions today to end negotiations with the owners of the Florentine Gardens site and to seek alternative locations for Hollywood's new Fire Station 82. The Proposition F Oversight Committee had begun to explore the purchase of the nightclub for use as a fire station, but the costs of acquisition became prohibitive.

"Public safety goes hand in hand with fiscal responsibility," said Garcetti, in whose district Florentine Gardens sits. "Hollywood's going to get a top-notch, brand-new fire station, and I look forward to seeing options from the oversight committee for a site that works."

"Based on advice from the City Attorney, the City Administrative Officer, the Fire Chief and other city staff, I support the effort to abandon the Florentine Gardens site for Fire Station 82," said LaBonge. "The fiscal reality of real estate costs made the project overwhelmingly expensive at that site. I look forward to working with Council President Garcetti and the community in order to find the right location."

Voters approved Proposition F in November of 2000. The language approved issuance of \$532.6 million in bond funds and called for construction of a regional fire station in the Hollywood area to replace Fire Station 82, currently located at 1800 Bronson Avenue.

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