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Re: *University of California Seismic Rating for 1821 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica*

Dear Geno:

Nabih Youssef Associates (NYA) have performed an Independent Review of the 6-story office building located at 1821 Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica. The review consisted of a site visit to observe the existing condition of the exposed structural elements, identification of potential falling hazards that pose a significant life or safety risk to occupants, and an ASCE 41-13 Tier 1 evaluation.

Description:

The building is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of 19th Street and Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica. The building is part of a 5-building office complex that share a common subterranean parking level. The building is generally rectangular-shaped in-plan with overall dimensions of approximately 135 feet by 75 feet. The building was originally constructed in 1978 and likely designed to the 1976 edition of the Uniform Building Code.

The roof and floors are constructed of metal deck with light weight concrete fill that span to steel beams. The steel beams are supported by steel girders and columns that are continuous to the foundation. The first floor is constructed of two-way concrete joists supported by concrete encased steel columns at the interior and 8" thick perimeter reinforced masonry walls. The foundation system consists of shallow isolated concrete spread footings under columns, continuous concrete strip footings supporting the masonry walls and a 4" reinforced concrete slab on grade.

The lateral-force-resisting system consists of the metal deck and concrete fill roof and floors acting as structural diaphragms to transfer seismic inertial forces to perimeter steel moment frames. There are two 2-bay moment frames in each principal direction of the building. The moment frames utilize "pre-Northridge" welded moment connections. At the first floor, seismic shear forces are transferred through the concrete slab to the perimeter reinforced masonry walls below.

Observation:

A site visit was performed by Owen Hata of NYA on May 4, 2017, to observe the condition and characteristics of the building. An office unit on the first floor undergoing a tenant improvement where steel framing was exposed was visited. Observations were limited to visible areas of the structure. The building generally appeared to be in good condition and there were no obvious signs of structural distress.

Mechanical and electrical equipment were observed to be generally anchored and piping systems generally braced. The building exterior consists of stucco finish with windows. No significant falling hazards were observed on the exterior of the building.

Evaluation:

The building is located on a flat site and is not susceptible to landslide. The site is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake fault zone – a geologic zone where surface rupture may occur. The site is not located in an area recognized by the State of California where historic occurrence of liquefaction, or local geological, geotechnical and groundwater conditions indicate a potential for permanent ground displacement. USGS maps indicate that the liquefaction hazard at the site is low.

An ASCE 41-13 Tier 1 assessment was performed assuming a site soil classification D, and design spectral acceleration at short period and one second period for BSE-1E, 0.886g and 0.493g, respectively.

The building has the following noncompliant characteristics:

- Moment Resisting Connections – The connections are not able to develop the strength of the adjoining members or panel zones. This is common for pre-Northridge connections.
- Panel Zones – Panel zones have inadequate shear capacity to develop the flexural strength of the girders framing into the column. This is common for buildings of this vintage, as panel zone shear strength was not a design requirement.
- Strong Column/Weak Beam – Calculations indicate that the moment frames do not meet the strong column/weak beam condition. This is common for buildings of this vintage, as strong column/weak beam was not a design requirement.
- Compact Members – Not all members meet compact section requirements. This is common for buildings of this vintage, as compactness was not a design requirement.

The building has a very regular configuration with a complete and redundant load path to transfer seismic forces to the foundations and does not have a soft or weak story.

Conclusion:

Based on observations made during our site visit and the results of the ASCE 41-13 Tier 1 assessment, the expected earthquake performance of the building corresponds to the University of California seismic rating of "IV" ("Fair").

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

References:

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Seismic Hazard Zone Report for the Beverly Hills 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, Los Angeles County, CA, prepared by State of California, Department of Conservation Division of Mines and Geology, Report No. 23, 1998.

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Photo 1 – Southeast Elevation



Photo 2 – Northwest Elevation



Photo 3 – Typical First Floor Framing



Photo 4 – Typical Steel Framing



Photo 5 – Typical Moment Connection



Photo 6 – Rooftop Cooling Towers