REFERENCE: UNREINFORCED MASONRY BUILDING LOCATED AT:
xxxxxxxxxx SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
APN #xxxxxxxxxx.

This is a second and final notice to remind you that the January 1, 2006 date by which the URM building owners are required to comply with the mandatory provisions of the City of San Diego URM Regulations (URM Ordinance) is fast approaching.

Adopted by City Council on November 9, 1992, the “Earthquake Hazard Reduction in Existing Buildings” ordinance established a program for mitigation of seismic hazards associated with buildings containing unreinforced masonry bearing walls. The ordinance requires some mandatory strengthening of all unreinforced masonry [URM] buildings. It also contains trigger mechanisms which may lead to partial or complete seismic retrofit of the building (refer to San Diego Municipal Code [SDMC] Chapter 14, Article 5, Division 4).

In our efforts to provide assistance to the owners of URM buildings, and to facilitate compliance with the URM Ordinance by the stated date, we established an expedite program for plan review, permit issuance and inspection of seismic retrofit projects.

Please be advised that all URM building owners which have not been retrofitted to comply with the mandatory provisions of the City of San Diego URM Ordinance by the stated date, will be in violation of the City of San Diego Municipal Code, Section 145.0410. After the stated date, a “Notice of Violation” will be issued and recorded to non-complying building owners as authorized by the City of San Diego Municipal Code, Chapter 1, Article 2, Division 10, and /or enforcement of an order to comply may be sought as authorized by the San Diego Municipal Code, Section 145.0417.

For more information about the City of San Diego Unreinforced Masonry Program, please visit the Development Services web site at http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services or contact Mehdi Shadyab, P.E., Department URM Program Coordinator, at (858) 573-1233.

Sincerely,

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Chief Building Official