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Jose Huizar, Chair, Los Angeles City Council PLUM Committee
Paul Koretz, Councilmember, 5th District
Mike Bonin, Councilmember, 11th District

Re: Expo Line Transit Neighborhood Plan – SUPPORT

Dear Councilmembers Huizar, Koretz, and Bonin:

<Organization's name> requests that you take expedient action to support the City of Los Angeles Planning Commission and City Planning Department's recommendations for the Expo Line Transit Neighborhood Plan.

The plan, as adopted by the City Planning Commission, will contribute to solving the City's housing crisis by allowing for badly-needed new homes near the Expo Line, a \$2 billion public investment that provides sustainable connectivity to jobs, education, and services.

The plan will also help Los Angeles achieve its ambitious goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by building more affordable housing near transit and reducing displacement of residents by providing housing for LA's growing population. The California Air Resource Board found that, "the foremost strategy for reducing pollution exposure near high-volume roadways is to...encouraging and facilitating the replacement of vehicle trips with walk, bike, and transit trips."¹ Further research has found that lower income households drive 25-30% fewer miles when living within 1/2 mile of transit than those living in non-transit-oriented neighborhoods². The plan will act as a catalyst for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and congestion by encouraging people to replace vehicle trips with public and active transit.

We also support the efforts by the City Planning Commission to augment the total housing and affordable housing opportunities near the Expo Line, and all transit lines by:

- Removing height restrictions that favor commercial over residential uses
- Reducing parking requirements in certain cases
- Aligning affordable housing incentives with the City's Transit Oriented Communities program

We encourage the City Council to pass this plan as soon as possible and look for other opportunities to increase our housing stock near transit as a highly effective climate protection strategy.

Sincerely,

¹ CalEPA and Air Resources Board Report: Strategies to Reduce Air Pollution Exposure Near High-Volume Roadways: https://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/rd_technical_advisory_final.PDF

² TransForm and the CA Housing Partnership Corporation Report: Why Creating and Preserving Affordable Homes Near Transit is a Highly Effective Climate Protection Strategy: <http://www.transformca.org/transform-report/why-creating-and-preserving-affordable-homes-near-transit-highly-effective-climate>