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To: Members PLUM Committee
 200 North Spring Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council members:

There is a move by the Planning Commission to change the requirements for parking in developments located within 750 feet of a transportation line. Anywhere with buses, metro-rail, light rail and DASH service will be severely impacted by this proposed ordinance and Hollywood is particularly vulnerable as many new developments are under consideration. The idea behind this is to create a parking crisis and thereby force people out of their cars. This will be done by eliminating or reducing by half the current parking requirements for any type of development meeting these requirements.

During the 1960's thru the 1980's people fled the City for the suburbs to escape the City's escalating crime and crumbling infrastructure. In Hollywood and Downtown there has been a real push to improve the business climate, rehabilitate historic buildings and to invest in new developments as people are coming back attracted to a more urban lifestyle and a shorter commute. Finally, we are beginning to see the results of this hard work.

If the reduced parking ordinance is passed you will effectively destroy all that our City has been working toward. Twenty years ago we had a parking crisis in Hollywood and nothing has changed to improve this situation. Without first putting in the appropriate infrastructure, increased bus lines, DASH, more MTA frequent stops, more subway and light rail and investing in robotic parking (as they do all over Europe), the "stick" will come down hard on all residents while a very large "carrot" goes to the developers.

Please don't make the mistake of accepting a shortsighted solution, drastically reducing parking availability, before you have done the right thing. Make sure we have other ways of effectively moving around a large City and a County of 150 square miles. We are very far away from that goal today and this proposal will not move us any closer to it.

Sincerely,

Susan Swan
 President

Ryan Hass
 Renters Representative

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 Vice President

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 Area 4 Representative

Enclosed: HUNC Community Impact Statement on proposal