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Honorable Jan Perry
President pro Tempore, LA City Council
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200 N. Spring Street, Room 420
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Clean Water (Wastewater) Program Rate Proposal, CF 10-1947

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Dear Councilwoman Perry,

The Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) has had an opportunity to review the proposed Clean Water Program rate proposal and discuss the issue with representatives from the Bureau of Sanitation. We would like to inform you of our support for this proposal.

The members of the LABC recognize the need for a well-functioning wastewater collection and treatment system to help drive a strong economy. This investment that will be funded from the future rates will help ensure that the sewer connection moratoriums, which were a barrier to businesses in the past, will not return. We also appreciate the Bureau providing a ten-year proposal so we can see the long-term investment in the infrastructure, rather than having it revealed in a piecemeal fashion. This will assist our members in planning for the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Leslie

President, LABC

Cc: Honorable Tony Cardenas, LA City Councilman
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