



# CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



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The Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of Los Angeles  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Members of the City Council:

The California Environmental Protection Agency's (CalEPA) mission is to protect public health and the state's environment from environmental degradation. In achieving this objective, we are committed to ensuring that all members of the public are afforded the same basic protections and opportunities for clean, safe neighborhoods.

We are writing to you because we recently became aware of a "green zone" land use initiative for the City of Los Angeles prepared by Clean Up Green Up. CalEPA relies on partners like Clean Up Green Up to work with us in furthering our mission and, in particular, in our efforts to protect the most vulnerable populations in the state from the impacts of environmental harm. Such organizations provide us with first-hand knowledge of community circumstances, and we frequently depend on them when we make policy decisions or look to stretch our limited resources. They also help us to engage communities in the regulatory process at the local, state and federal level. And, most importantly, they share our interest in preventing the further concentration of toxic pollution in the most at-risk areas of the state, while they assist us in revitalizing these neighborhoods with green jobs and new businesses.

We know the City of Los Angeles shares our vision of environmental protection, environmental justice and economic development. This is why we encourage the City to support the efforts of the Clean Up Green Up Collaborative to help us provide a clean California for everyone.

Sincerely,

Matthew Rodriguez  
Secretary for Environmental Protection

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