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Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Clean Up Green Up motion - CF 11-0112

Dear Councilmembers:

The California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA) urges members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee and the full City Council to VOTE IN FAVOR of the Clean Up, Green Up motion, CF 11-0112. CEJA is a statewide coalition of grassroots, community-based organizations working on environmental issues. We represent approximately 15,000 people throughout California, including several thousand in the Los Angeles area.

We have been strongly supportive of the Clean Up Green Up initiative since its inception. It tackles the difficult reality that many low-income communities and communities of color – an overconcentration of polluting facilities located in close proximity to homes, schools, health care facilities and other sensitive land use. The motion is creating an innovative solution that cannot only help address these deep, persistent problems, but does so in a way that supports local businesses and addresses the need for economic development in these tough times.

The Clean Up Green Up policy proposal complements other important environmental initiatives taking place throughout the state. Through our statewide Green Zones campaign, CEJA is working on similar initiatives in other cities. The City of Los Angeles has an opportunity to be a leader in a growing statewide effort to clean up our most vulnerable neighborhoods, while helping much-needed local businesses become more environmentally and financially sustainable.

CEJA endorses the Clean Up Green Up motion because it demonstrates that working together, business, government and residents can develop meaningful solutions to the problem of air pollution that protect public health and build a thriving, clean, inclusive economy.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Sincerely,



CEJA Co-Coordinator