



## *Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN)*

July 8, 2015

Mr. Michael LoGrande  
Director, Department of City Planning  
City of Los Angeles  
200 North Spring Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Clean Up Green Up (CPC-2015-1462-CA) –Proposed Zoning Changes (CF# 11-0112)

Dear Mr. LoGrande:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN), I respectfully submit this letter in strong support of the proposed Clean Up Green Up Initiative and Zoning Code Amendment dated May 14, 2015. We would like to thank Hagu Solomon-Cary and other city planning staff for their efforts in drafting such unprecedented land use policies and the far-reaching Clean Up Green Up program. We strongly support the proposed new development standards for the three pilot Green Zones of Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington. The standards provide much needed local regulatory tools to address issues arising from the proximity of incompatible land uses – largely industrial uses close to homes, schools, parks and other places where vulnerable populations gather. The standards also deal with the cumulative adverse impacts that result from concentrations of certain uses close to such sensitive uses. The proposed land use regulations address these adverse cumulative effects, whereas business-by-business regulations governed by other entities often do not recognize or effectively respond to such conditions.

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- We support companion changes to the Planning and Zoning Code including the conditional use permit for asphalt manufacturing and refinery facilities. We understand that most California communities that have such uses provide for conditional use permits to tailor appropriate land use to limit the effects of such facilities on nearby communities. We concur that such controls can make them better neighbors.
- We also applaud the emphasis of the CUGU program on supporting local businesses with financial and technical assistance to become more economically and environmentally sustainable.
- We'd like to emphasize the importance of two parallel actions beyond the scope of the proposed zoning code changes— the recommendation to hire an ombudsperson for the Green Zones and efforts to streamline inspection and enforcement programs. The ombudsperson position will support businesses in complying with environmental regulations and assist them in more easily accessing funding and incentive programs that promote environmentally friendly practices. A streamlined enforcement program will help identify those businesses that operate without proper permits as well and add certainty and equitable treatment to those businesses which strive to operate safely and properly.

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Sincerely,

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Becky Dennison, Co-Executive Director

cc: Hagu Solomon-Cary; Los Angeles City Council; and City Clerk



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Maria Brenes, EdM  
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CEJA is a statewide coalition of grassroots, community-based organizations and we represent over 20,000 low-income communities and communities of color. We unite the local organizing of our members to advance environmental justice in statewide policy. Our members work in low-income communities and communities of color highly impacted by pollution and socioeconomic stressors.

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At the statewide level, CEJA is advocating for a statewide Green Zones initiative to comprehensively transform toxic hotspots into healthy and sustainable communities while bringing in resources into these neglected communities. Clean Up Green Up is a critical local example of what CEJA is trying to accomplish statewide.

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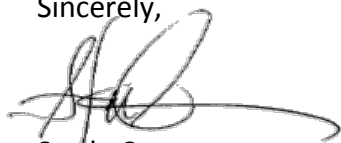
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Co-Director, California Environmental Justice Alliance  
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