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

Dear Mr. LoGrande:

On behalf of the California Nurses Association, we respectfully submit this letter in strong support of the proposed Clean Up Green Up Initiative and Zoning Code Amendment dated May 14, 2015.

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.

The Clean Up Green Up Initiative is an important step towards achieving environmental justice and protecting the public health of residents from three of LA's most polluted communities and we expect their example will lead the way for the rest of the city. Specifically, we want to emphasize our support for the following critical elements of Clean Up Green Up:

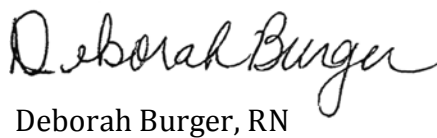
- We support companion changes to the Planning and Zoning Code including the conditional use permit for asphalt manufacturing and refinery facilities. We understand that most California communities that have such uses provide for conditional use permits to tailor appropriate land use to limit the effects 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.

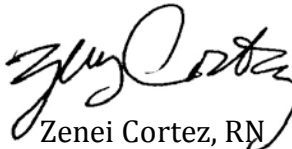
- Lastly, we wish to emphasize our strong support for the proposed recommendation to require, on a city-wide basis, a high level of air filtration systems in structures being built or expanded within 1,000 feet of freeways. Numerous studies show that the transportation sector is one of the largest sources of air pollution in California. Poor air quality poses a risk to everyone, but communities living closest to high volumes of truck and car traffic are most at risk for asthma incidents, increased lung cancer and other respiratory and chronic diseases. The density of Los Angeles and the lack of developable land that is not proximate to freeways, combined with traffic volumes on LA's freeways suggest that the need for such filtration systems in the city is perhaps among the greatest in California.

We eagerly anticipate the passage of the Clean Up Green Up policies and we look forward to the success of the three pilot zones, which will lead the way to economic innovations and a healthier, safer and greener Los Angeles.

Sincerely,



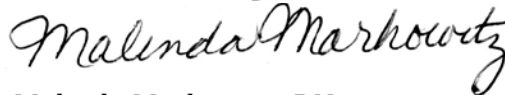
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