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The Honorable Ed P. Reyes, Chair
 Members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee
 200 North Spring Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Re: Item #5 in Support of Modified Parking Requirement (MPR) Districts

Honorable Committee Members:

I am here today representing FAST, Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic, a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for solutions that will improve mobility throughout the Los Angeles region.

The Modified Parking Requirement Districts ordinance before you is the beginning of a new way to plan in Los Angeles. From this point forward, planners and developers will work together to maximize the amount of space we use for dining, cultural activities, shopping, and other active uses for the limited land we have, while working to responsibly minimize the amount of space we use storing vehicles.

The Modified Parking Requirement Districts ordinance is the beginning of the "new normal" in Los Angeles that recognizes that we can walk a block or two to a restaurant, or a movie theatre, or a wine bar. We can park once, using a previously underutilized parking structure, or a church parking lot that sits vacant six days per week, and visit more than one storefront in an area. Thinking this way, planning this way, will improve the walkability of our commercial and mixed-use areas, and benefit the entire community by bringing life to these districts.

This ordinance will serve as a tool for the Planning Department to work together with developers and business owners who bring value to our community. FAST strongly supports this ordinance.

FAST wants to recognize Councilmember Jose Huizar for initiating this process, through a successful pilot program in Eagle Rock. We thank and congratulate Planning Department staff, including Tom Rothmann and Alan Bell, for bringing this ordinance to this point. We look forward to continuing to work with them and your offices to improve mobility in the region.

Thank you for your time today.



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