



April 23, 2012

The Honorable Ed Reyes, Chairman
Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM)
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 410
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support for funding to revise the City's Zoning Code

Dear Councilmember Reyes:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and our 1,600 member organizations, I am writing to express our support for the \$990,000 funding request from the Construction Services Trust Fund for the first year of a five-year work program to completely revise the City's Zoning Code.

The Los Angeles City Zoning Code is over 60 years old and no longer reflects the realities of what is needed for our businesses and communities. Updating the zoning code is an entirely appropriate use of funds from the Construction Services Trust Fund.

This effort should be a high priority for the City. An updated code will allow distinct neighborhoods to retain their character while improving the sustainability, economic vitality, and quality of life for all residents.

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports a comprehensive zoning code revision and looks forward to working with the Planning Department and Council on implementation. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Duboff at jduboff@lachamber.com or 213.580.7558.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Toebben".

Gary Toebben
President & CEO

Cc: Alan Bell, Planning Department