

Los Angeles City Council
Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee
Council Member Jose Huizar
Council Member Gilbert Cedillo
Council Member Mitchell Englander
City Hall, Room 350
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-4801

Re: MyFigueroa (Council File # 13-1124) - SUPPORT

Dear Committee Chair Huizar and Committee Members,

On behalf of architecture students with the Urban Policy Center at Woodbury University School of Architecture, we are writing to express our strong support for the above-referenced project MyFigueroa, Council File #13-1124, which would accomplish significant advances in transit corridor design and pedestrian safety along the Figueroa Corridor from 7th to MLK Blvd. As emerging architecture professionals well informed in urban policy, we represent a generation concerned about environmental sustainability, urban connectivity, and social equity.

Our generation of emerging professionals acknowledges the need to support alternate modes of transportation in order to cultivate healthy, equitable, and sustainable cities. The MyFigueroa project supports pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit, affirming that these modes of transportation are just as important as cars. There is overwhelming evidence that highlights the danger that our current streets pose to pedestrians and cyclists. Thousands of students, much like ourselves, travel every day to and around USC and MyFigueroa project would help assure their safety.

MyFigueroa project is also a champion in urban connectivity and social equity. The improved corridor would establish a strong north-south connection between South Los Angeles and Downtown, providing urban connectivity for not just USC students but residents of South Los Angeles as well. MyFigueroa brings equity to South Los Angeles by means of safe transportation to downtown and well-designed corridors that promote health, safety, and economic development.

As educated emerging professionals, we see the appeal for MyFigueroa as a setback to decades of progress in transit corridor improvements, pedestrian safety, urban connectivity, sustainability, and social equity. We urge you to support MyFigueroa and oppose the appeal on the project. Thank you in advance for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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