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Honorable Council Member Jose Huizar
Los Angeles City Council District 14
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Dear Council Member Huizar,

On behalf of the South Central Neighborhood Council (SCNC) we are writing to express our support for the My Figueroa project as planned and urging you to grant approval of the project. Our board recognizes that mobility improvements to the Figueroa Corridor that provide for safe and comfortable commuting by foot, bicycle, and transit have a great benefit for our residents, our students, and our local businesses.

The current layout of Figueroa Street under serves our community. Rather than acting as a street to benefit our community and that our stakeholders can enjoy spending time on, Figueroa acts as a street primarily for the use of those who are passing through our community by automobile to avoid traffic on the 110 Freeway. The My Figueroa project would help to rectify this situation by creating a livable street that promotes the health of our stakeholders with fewer nuisances from pass-through car traffic, more pleasant sidewalks to support local retail and restaurant businesses, and protected bicycle lanes to improve the options for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities in short commutes.

Our neighborhood council is concerned about recent efforts to eliminate southbound bicycle lanes from Figueroa, which would reduce the effectiveness in creating a safe and convenient multi-modal street. Adjustments at this late phase also put the My Figueroa project's funding in jeopardy; unnecessarily delaying much needed improvements that our residents and businesses may benefit from.

We request that Los Angeles City Council expeditiously approve the My Figueroa project as currently designed, with ample pedestrian areas and enhanced bicycle infrastructure serving both North and South directions of travel along Figueroa Street.

Sincerely,

Celina R. Benitez,

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