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**Fwd: My Figueroa Streetscape Project (CF 13-1124)**

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From: **michael macdonald** <michael.s.macdonald@gmail.com>  
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Subject: My Figueroa Streetscape Project (CF 13-1124)  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org  
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Dear Councilmembers,

As a resident of South Los Angeles, I support and urge that you to approve the My Figueroa complete streets project (CF 13-1224) as designed, with pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure serving north and south directions.

Figueroa Street in its current configuration under serves the diverse communities of South Los Angeles and Downtown. Its noise and high amount of emissions have great negative impacts on the surrounding residential community. Its width and number of lanes oriented towards single-occupant vehicles attract overflow traffic from the 110 Freeway, limiting access to businesses and institutions during rush hours. At non-peak hours, the street's configuration attracts unsafe and illegal speeding. There is no time of the day when the street is pleasant to walk on, or when it feels like a destination that provides a benefit to its community.

For this reason, the My Figueroa project is unanimously supported by the four neighborhood councils that lie along the project area. Broad community outreach and an extended design process from 2010-2013 successfully achieved the goals of the My Figueroa project in balancing the needs of all road users. A \$20 million investment in our communities and city as a whole, this project will provide immense benefit. For once, it seems as if investment might go where it is needed most: serving communities that are burdened by pollution, 25-30% rates of childhood obesity, and where mobility and access to jobs are limited as 11-34% of households are without a car.

With the January 2015/February 2017 completion deadline fast approaching, redesign or further delay to the project endangers this vital investment in our community. I urge that you expeditiously approve this project such that it may provide great benefit for many generations to come.

Kind regards,

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RE: Council File 13-1224: My Figueroa Streetscape Project

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