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# LA THRIVES:

Transit, Housing, Resources / Investment for a Vibrant Economy



February 28, 2014

The Honorable Mitch O'Farrell  
The Honorable Felipe Fuentes  
City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmembers O'Farrell and Fuentes:

On behalf of LA THRIVES and ACT LA, we would like to express our appreciation for your motion instructing the Housing and Community Investment Department and the Department of City Planning with the assistance of the Chief Administrative Officer to develop policy initiatives that could encourage the development of affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, veterans housing, workforce housing and senior housing in close proximity to transit infrastructure.

Together we represent a range of organizations devoted to targeting public sector resources toward meeting the housing and community development needs of our City's most financially vulnerable. The massive and unprecedented investment in the Los Angeles area transit system will create development opportunity around Metro's transit corridors. Although such real estate development opportunities will be a boon for local economies, it is important that City policy help promote economic diversity in these communities so that public sector investments benefit a range of citizens and contribute to community vitality.

Specifically the Motion seeks to develop a range of policy initiatives that will encourage affordable housing production near transit. The Motion's goals can be met through two main policy areas – Planning Preservation Strategies and Housing Subsidy Policy.

We will continue to work with HCID and Planning as they craft a response to the Motion by offering information and expertise. We hope to work with the City Council as it formulates implementation policy.

LA THRIVES is a collaborative of organizations committed to equitable - transit oriented development (TOD) that prioritizes investments in the production and preservation of affordable homes, protects the social fabric of neighborhoods, and allows residents to walk, bike and take transit to shops and services. We have roots in LA County communities, and long-term relationships with government agencies,

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elected officials, community-based organizations and others involved in issues ranging from public health to transit to environmental issues to local and regional planning.

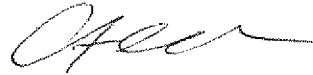
Alliance for Community Transit – Los Angeles (ACT-LA) is a broad-based coalition of organizations with national, statewide, regional, and local expertise engaging in policy advocacy, legal strategies, grassroots organizing, and community economic development. ACT-LA members are unified in the belief that smart growth policies must go hand in hand with equitable development policies in order to meet ACT-LA's goals of: authentic community participation in urban planning, mixed-income communities, affordable and accessible public transportation, community economic development through responsible public investment, and reducing environmental and climate impacts.

Thank you again for providing leadership on this issue. We look forward to a productive partnership as we work to meet the Motion's goals.

Sincerely,



Alan Greenlee  
On Behalf of the LA THRIVES Steering Committee



Albert Lowe  
On Behalf of ACT LA

CC:

The Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Holly Wolcott, Interim City Clerk, City of Los Angeles  
Rushmore Cervantes, Acting General Manager, Housing and Community Investment Department Los Angeles  
Michael LoGrande, Director, Los Angeles Planning Department  
Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer

Attachment:

LA THRIVES Steering Committee Members  
ACT-LA Members



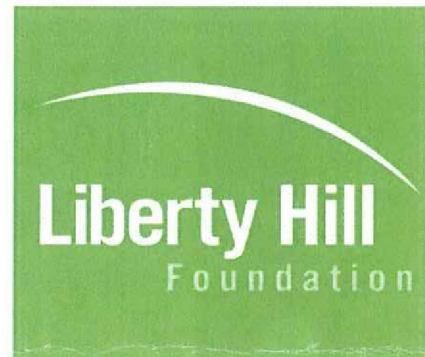
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