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November 16, 2015

Honorable Paul Krekorian  
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee  
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Honorable Joe Buscaino  
Chair, Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee  
200 North Spring Street, Room 410  
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RE: Council File 14-0163-S3, Sidewalk Repair Policy

Dear Chairmen Krekorian and Buscaino:

I want to thank you both for your leadership on the Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program. Your committees will be considering a report from the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO) on the program structure. I believe the Sidewalk Repair Program, while focused on accessibility, has the potential to improve our ability to capture and treat water – a critical need in this time of drought.

Earlier this year, the City Council directed City staff to develop an ordinance requiring all street construction projects in the public right of way to incorporate green infrastructure whenever feasible (Council File 14-0748, Fuentes-Bonin). The City Council should adopt a similar policy for sidewalks.

By leveraging resources and adding green infrastructure elements to required sidewalk repair projects, the City can improve accessibility and safety while also increasing stormwater capture and reducing watershed pollution. I ask that you adopt the following as part of your committee action on the Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program:

- Instruct the Department of Public Works to incorporate green infrastructure in sidewalk repairs and new sidewalks whenever feasible.
- Instruct the CLA and CAO to report back on sources for supplemental dollars (not those part of the current Willits Settlement Agreement) to fund green infrastructure elements of sidewalk repair projects.
- Instruct relevant departments to incorporate identified flood locations and infiltration opportunities in its sidewalk inventory and asset management system.

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- Instruct the Department of Public Works to make green infrastructure standard plans easily available to the public for implementation in sidewalk repair projects performed by residents and other private entities.

The Sidewalk Repair Program will significantly impact how Los Angeles' sidewalks look, function, and serve its communities. The City must adopt a holistic approach to addressing our infrastructure needs to provide greater benefit to residents.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you to develop a more resilient Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Felipe Fuentes', written in a cursive style.

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cc: Honorable Members, Budget and Finance Committee  
Honorable Members, Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee  
Holly Wolcott, City Clerk