

November 16, 2015

The Honorable Paul Krekorian Chair, Budget & Finance Committee Los Angeles City Council 200 N. Spring Street, Room 435 Los Angeles, CA 90012 The Honorable Joe Buscaino Chair, Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee Los Angeles City Council 200 N. Spring Street, Room 410 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmembers Krekorian and Buscaino:

RE: RECOMMENDATION REQUEST – 14-0163-S3 – SIDEWALK REPAIR POLICY

We appreciate all the hard work your committees have been doing on this important policy since July, 2014. One of the issues of concern we've had during the hearings has been the effect the "Fix and Release" policy will have on low-income homeowners, and we hope you will continue to deliberate over this issue today.

As we move forward to develop a Sidewalk Maintenance Transfer Plan, we request that both the Budget & Finance and the Public Works & Gang Reduction committees adopt a recommendation for Action B.1 that provides a twenty (20) year guarantee for sidewalk repair prior to transfer of responsibility to any property owner. This guarantee will provide protections particularly for low-income homeowners throughout the City, while still allowing for the Sidewalk Maintenance Transfer Plan to be implemented.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

HERB J. WESSON, JR, Councilmember, 10th District

NURY MARTINEZ Councilmember, 6th District

CURREN D. PRICE, JR/ Councilmember, 9th District