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April 29, 2014

Honorable Paul Krekorian
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RE: DEDICATION OF FORMER CRA FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING --
SUPPORT
Council File 14-0361

Dear Councilmember Krekorian,

The Downtown Women's Center (DWC) urges you to support the motion to dedicate to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund a portion of the new property tax funds, coming to LA City as a result of the dissolution of the former CRA/LA, to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the City's FY 2014/15 budget. DWC recommends that you dedicate 50% of this revenue to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support creation of desperately needed affordable housing and to spur economic development in the City. As the only organization singularly dedicated to serving the needs of homeless and extremely low-income women on downtown Los Angeles' Skid Row – and the operator of 119 units of permanent supportive housing – we understand the critical need for more affordable housing for our most vulnerable community members.

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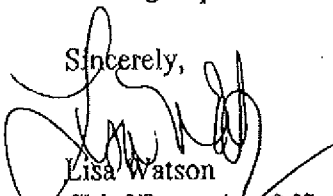
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Sincerely,



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April 30, 2014

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Filipino American Services Group, Inc. (FASGI), urges you to support the motion to dedicate to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund a portion of the new property tax funds, coming to LA City as a result of the dissolution of the former CRA/LA, to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the City's FY 2014/15 budget. F.A.S.G.I. recommends that you dedicate 50% of this revenue to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support creation of desperately needed affordable housing and to spur economic development in the City. The Filipino American Service Group, Inc. (FASGI) was founded 30 years ago (1981), to provide social services to the communities in and around Filipino Town in the City of Los Angeles (Service Area 4). Since then it has expanded its service area to include several cities in Los Angeles County. Its mission, stated broadly, is *"to improve the quality of life of our communities through health, housing, advocacy, education and research"*. Over the years, it has also narrowed its program focus towards serving older adults, and the homeless who count among the most vulnerable segment of the community.

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Susan E. Dilkes
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Dear Councilmember Krekorian,

SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST provides permanent supportive housing so that people who have experienced homelessness, prolonged extreme poverty, poor health, disabilities, mental illness, and/or addiction can lead safe, stable lives in wellness. In our 25 year history, we have built nearly 1700 apartment homes for formerly homeless adults. **In Council District 2, we currently have 65 apartment homes for homeless veterans in predevelopment, in partnership with LA Family Housing.**

We urge you to support the motion to dedicate to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund a portion of the new property tax funds, coming to LA City as a result of the dissolution of the former CRA/LA, to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the City's FY 2014/15 budget. Skid Row Housing Trust recommends that you dedicate 50% of this revenue to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support creation of desperately needed affordable housing and to spur economic development in the City.

It is critical that the city find sources of capital funds for housing to replace the lost redevelopment funds. *Dedicating boomerang funds to the affordable housing trust fund will allow Skid Row Housing Trust and other highly qualified organizations to continue to end homelessness for veterans and others in Los Angeles.*

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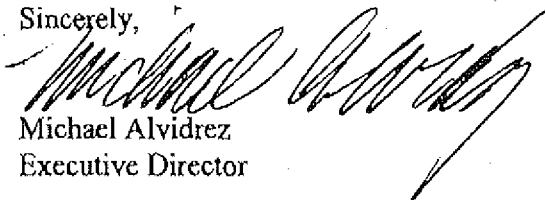
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Michael Alvidrez
Executive Director

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Dear Councilmember Krekorian,

As a resident of and business owner in Hollywood, and one of the founders of Hollywood 4WRD ("Four Walls, a Roof, and a Door") dedicated to ending homelessness in our community, and to stop merely "managing" it, I urge you to support the motion to dedicate to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund a portion of the new property tax funds coming to LA City as a result of the dissolution of the former CRA/LA, to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the City's FY 2014/15 budget. I recommend that you dedicate 50% of this revenue to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support creation of desperately needed affordable housing and to spur economic development in the City.

Affordable housing is a key component of Hollywood's attack on homelessness, as permanent supportive housing and other forms of affordable housing help myriad organizations direct homeless persons to services they need while securing their dignity. Between 2011 and 2013, the homeless population in LA City has grown by 26% and now numbers nearly 30,000 men, women and children. In most of the rest of the country, the numbers of homeless people decreased during the same time. We can truly help our homeless neighbors by helping find them "four walls, a roof, and a door" to call their own—permanent supportive housing works, and affordable housing is a critical component of that effort.

Besides providing much-needed homes, an investment in affordable development brings both good jobs and millions of dollars in other investment to the City. In addition, affordable developers regularly replace blighted and crime-infested properties with beautiful developments that make neighborhoods able to attract other economic investment. To the extent it helps house otherwise homeless persons, it saves us money as well, as we end the expensive cycling of homeless persons through jails and mental health provider doors.

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Senior Vice President

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Dear Councilmember Krekorian,

Nancy Lewis Associates, Inc. urges you to support the motion to dedicate a portion of the property tax funds formerly allocated to the CRA/LA to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the City's FY 2014/15 budget. We recommend that you dedicate 50% of this revenue to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support creation of desperately needed affordable housing and service-enriched permanent supportive housing for the homeless and chronically homeless.

Since 1984 we have worked to increase affordable housing production by helping our clients plan, finance and complete development of rental housing for low and moderate income persons. Our assistance has created over 1,400 units of housing in the City of Los Angeles for families, seniors, and persons with special needs. The motion by Councilmembers O'Farrell and Cedillo would help us continue this work by enhancing our ability to attract investments that beautify the City of Los Angeles and provide our most vulnerable with a place to call home.

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Sincerely,



Nancy Lewis
Principal

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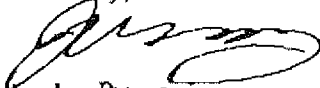
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