



October 14, 2015

Mr. Michael LoGrande, Director
Attn: Darlene Navarrete
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Via e-mail (darlene.navarrete@lacity.org)

RE: Negative Declaration-NG-15-431-PL; ENV-2015-1463

Dear Mr. LoGrande and Ms. Navarrete,

I write on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) to support the issuance of the Negative Declaration in the above-referenced case, a set of proposed zoning ordinance amendments referred to as the “Clean Up Green Up Overlay District.”

I have reviewed the Initial Study upon which the proposed Negative Declaration was based, as well as the Negative Declaration itself, and concur that there are no significant impacts that will result from the implementation of these proposed changes or from the implementation of the Overlay District. Rather, implementation will help reduce environmental and health impacts from local and often cumulative pollution sources in Boyle Heights, Pacoima, and Wilmington by, for example, creating buffer zones between pollution sources and residences, enacting new performance standards, and requiring total enclosures to capture harmful air emissions.

We appreciate the continued efforts of the Department to move the proposed CUGU ordinance forward. NRDC is in strong support of the ordinance which will help better protect residents from cumulative environmental health impacts, while still promoting economic revitalization and support to local businesses.

Sincerely,

Ramya Sivasubramanian
Staff Attorney

cc: Deborah Kahen, Department of City Planning
Hagu Solomon-Cary, Department of City Planning
City Clerk, for Council File 11-0112