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Honorable Councilmember Jose Huizar Chair, Planning Land Use Management Committee Los Angeles City Hall 200 N. Spring St. # 465 Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Clean UP Green Up Ordinance (CF#15-1026)

Dear Chairman and Members of Planning Land Use Management Committee,

This letter is in support of the Clean Up Green Up Initiative Ordinance, which I understand will be heard by the Planning Land Use Management Committee on October 27.

When I was a member of the Los Angeles City Council, I supported Clean Up Green Up. I think it is important to address issues arising from the proximity of large industrial land uses near homes, schools, parks and other places where vulnerable populations gather.

The ordinance should contain strong local regulatory and land use tools, especially regarding conditional use permits for oil refineries and asphalt manufacturers. Refining operations have significant and adverse impacts on the vulnerable residents of Los Angles living in the Harbor area. A strong conditional use permit is a positive step in that direction, and it should address both intensification of refining activities and projects within the refinery boundaries as well as expansion beyond their existing boundaries to require more transparency and accountability from the oil industry. The City of Los Angeles has the ethical responsibility and legal authority, relying on established precedent by other cities, to approve this provision. I strongly urge you to support this measure.

In closing, I congratulate the City Planning Department and my former colleagues for your groundbreaking work and look forward to the success of the three pilot zones, one of which is in Wilmington, and which will lead the way to economic innovations and a healthier, safer and greener Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Janice Hahn

Member of Congress

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