

October 23, 2015

Honorable Councilmember Jose Huizar
Chair, Planning Land Use Management Committee

Members, Planning Land Use Management Committee
via email

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

Dear Members of Planning Land Use Management Committee,

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October 20, 2015

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

Dear Members of Planning Land Use Management Committee,

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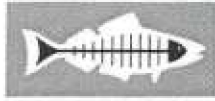
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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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October 15, 2015

Honorable Councilmember Jose Huizar
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Members Planning Land Use Management Committee
via email

RE: Clean Up Green Up Ordinance (CF# 11-0112 and CF#15-1026)

Dear Members of Planning Land Use Management Committee,

On behalf of Heal the Bay, I respectfully submit this letter in support of the Clean Up Green Up Initiative Ordinance, which we understand will be heard by the Planning Land Use Management Committee in October.

We strongly support the proposed new development standards for the three pilot Green Zones of Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington because they provide much needed local regulatory tools to address issues arising from the proximity of incompatible land uses – largely industrial uses close to homes, schools, parks and other places where vulnerable populations gather. The standards also deal with the cumulative adverse impacts that result from concentrations of certain uses close to such sensitive uses.

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Sincerely,

Meredith McCarthy

Meredith McCarthy
Director of Programs



Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

Fwd:

1 message

15-1026

Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Tue, Oct 27, 2015 at 7:39 AM

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Honorable Councilmember Huizar and Chair Dickinson,

Please find attached East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice letter of support for Planning and Land Use Management Committee Agenda Item CF#15-1026.

We thank you for your consideration of this item, for taking the necessary steps to protect public health.

Best,

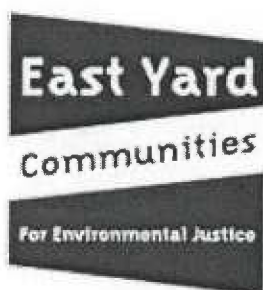
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October 26, 2015

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Chair, Planning Land Use Management Committee

Members Planning Land Use Management Committee
via email

RE: Clean Up Green Up Ordinance (CF# 11-0112 and CF#15-1026)

Dear Members of Planning Land Use Management Committee,

On behalf of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, we respectfully submit this letter in support of the Clean Up Green Up Initiative Ordinance.

We strongly support the proposed new development standards for the three pilot Green Zones of Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington because they provide much needed local regulatory tools to address issues arising from the proximity of incompatible land uses – largely industrial uses close to homes, schools, parks and other places where vulnerable populations gather. The standards also deal with the cumulative adverse impacts that result from concentrations of certain uses close to such sensitive uses.

As we know from numerous studies, reports, and testimonials, exposure to industrial pollution, both long-term and short-term, has devastating impacts on health. Therefore, it is critical that we take the necessary steps to protect public health, promote sustainability, and ensure responsible land use practices.

In addition, we support the Los Angeles Collaborative for Environmental Justice (Communities for a Better Environment, Coalition for a Safe Environment, Pacoima Beautiful & Union de Vecinos) in their effort to monitor the ordinance as it moves forward for passage by the full city council to ensure the ordinance contains the strongest local regulatory and land use tools possible, especially regarding the proposed conditional use permit for oil refineries and asphalt manufacturers.

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Executive Director,

East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

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October 26, 2015

Honorable Councilmember Jose Huizar
Chair, Planning Land Use Management Committee
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring St., Room 465
Los Angeles, California 90012

Sent to Members of the Planning Land Use Management Committee via U.S mail and e-mail

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

Dear Members of the Planning Land Use Management Committee,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, I respectfully submit this letter in support of the Clean Up Green Up Initiative Ordinance. Many of the 600,000 hardworking Angelinos that we represent live in close proximity to industrial land uses and are possibly exposed to contaminants that create adverse health impacts for their families and communities. Resulting in increases cases of illness and a significant decrease in the quality of life and productivity in the workplace.

We believe that Clean Up Green Up is a reasonable policy, which initially focuses on three communities - Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington – that have been subjected to high levels of pollution and decades of high unemployment. We believe that the policy will create the necessary regulatory tools and incentives to reduce pollution and grow the types of quality, living wage careers that serve our families, the City of Los Angeles and the environment.

In addition, we support the Los Angeles Collaborative for Environmental Justice (Communities for a Better Environment, Coalition for a Safe Environment, Pacoima Beautiful & Union de Vecinos) in their effort to monitor the ordinance as it moves forward for passage by the full city council to ensure the ordinance contains the strongest local regulatory and land use tools possible, especially regarding the proposed conditional use permit for oil refineries and asphalt manufacturers.

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In Solidarity,

Rusty Hicks
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

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Ricardo F. Icaza
President

BUSINESS SUPPORT FOR CLEAN UP GREEN UP ORDINANCE

Clean Up Green Up

por una ciudad limpia y verde

To the Planning Land Use Management Committee Members:

I am a business owner or operator within one of the three LA pilot neighborhoods – Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington – and support the proposed Clean Up Green Up Ordinance (CF#15-1026). I strongly support much needed local regulatory tools to reduce and prevent local pollution in our communities, making them better and safer places to live and work. I support Clean Up Green Up business benefits in my community, including help with permitting, compliance with regulations, and help accessing green money-saving government and utility programs. I eagerly anticipate the passage of Clean Up Green Up and look forward to the success of the three pilot zones, which will lead the way to economic innovations and a healthier, safer and greener Los Angeles.

Add your name to the Business Support for Clean Up Green Up Ordinance petition. PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
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The Family Bakery & Cafe	Juan Dominguez	<i>[Signature]</i>	13630 Van Nuys Blvd #103 Pacoima CA. 91331
D & C Appliance	Antonio Carrillo	<i>[Signature]</i>	13107 Van Nuys Blvd. Pacoima, CA 91331
HISPANIC CONNECTIONS ADU	JOSE MOLINA	<i>[Signature]</i>	Pacoima CA 91331 13103 1/2 VAN NUYS BLVD
MNV Auto Electric	Vladimir Gonzalez	Vladimir Gonzalez	10763 San Fernando RD Pacoima CA 91331

Clean Up Green Up Ordinance is supported by the LA Collaborative for Environmental Justice (Communities for a Better Environment, Coalition for a Safe Environment, Pacoima Beautiful, Union de Vecinos and Communities for a Better Environment). For more information visit: www.cleanupgreenupla.org.



NEGOCIOS A FAVOR DE LA ORDENANZA CLEAN UP GREEN UP

Clean Up Green Up

por una ciudad limpia y verde

Miembros del Comité de Planeamiento de Administración de Uso de Suelo:

Soy dueño de un negocio ubicado en Los Angeles en una de las comunidades propuestas como Zonas Verdes —Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley y Wilmington— y estoy a favor de Ordenanza (CF#15-1026). y estoy a favor de Ordenanza Clean Up Green Up. Apoyo la implementación de medidas locales que ayudarán a reducir y prevenir contaminación en nuestra comunidad mejorando la calidad de vida para residentes y trabajadores de la comunidad. Estoy a favor de los beneficios que Clean Up Green traerá a los negocios en mi comunidad, como asistencia consiguiendo permisos, ayuda para cumplir con regulaciones y asistencia para recibir programas de asistencia financiera y capacitación técnica para mi negocio. Espero con mucho entusiasmo la aprobación de Clean Up Green Up y la implementación exitosa en las zonas verdes que servirán como un modelo para que Los Angeles sea una ciudad más saludable, segura y verde.

Agregue su nombre a la petición de Negocios a Favor de la Ordenanza Clean Up Green Up. POR FAVOR ESCRIBA CLARAMENTE.

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			13225 VAN NUYS BLVD

La Ordenanza Clean Up Green Up es apoyada por el LA Collaborative for Environmental Justice (Communities for a Better Environment, Coalition for a Safe Environment, Pacoima Beautiful, Union de Vecinos and Communities for a Better Environment). Para más información visite: www.cleanupgreenupla.org.





October 26, 2015

Honorable Councilmember Jose Huizar
Chair, Planning Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee
City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Via E-mail

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

Dear Councilmember Huizar and Members of PLUM Committee,

On behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), I submit this letter in strong support of the Clean Up Green Up Ordinance.

The ordinance is a prime opportunity to improve public health and air quality, reduce greenhouse gases, and create healthier, more sustainable communities in the three pilot Green Zones of Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley, and Wilmington. The ordinance's proposed new development standards provide needed local regulatory tools to help address the health and environmental impacts resulting from the overconcentration of incompatible polluting land uses near homes, schools, parks, and other sensitive uses.

We also support the Los Angeles Collaborative for Environmental Justice (Communities for a Better Environment, Coalition for a Safe Environment, Pacoima Beautiful, and Union de Vecinos) in their effort to monitor the ordinance as it moves forward for passage by the full city council to ensure the ordinance contains the strongest local regulatory and land use tools possible, especially regarding the proposed conditional use permit for oil refineries and asphalt manufacturers.

The proposed ordinance and its adoption in the three pilot zones will better protect communities suffering from cumulative environmental health impacts, while still promoting economic revitalization and providing support to local businesses. We eagerly anticipate the passage of the Clean Up Green Up ordinance and look forward to its success in the three pilot zones, which will help lead the way to a healthier, safer and greener Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Ramya Sivasubramanian
Staff Attorney

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

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October 23, 2015

Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Clean Up Green Up – proposed amendment to LA Building Code to
require mechanical filtration in buildings within 1000 feet of freeways

Council File 11-0112

Dear Honorable Members,

IQAir supports the proposal being submitted by the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) to amend the Los Angeles Building Code's mechanical air filtration requirement for new and substantially rehabilitated buildings located within 1000 feet of freeways to include higher filtration efficiency levels. Our understanding is that the proposal recommends that the air filters' Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) ratings be at least MERV 13 for both residential and non-residential buildings. It is a great first step towards providing equal air quality for people who have to live and/or work near busy highways.

For the past seven years, IQAir has been working with South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to provide cleaner air to children in schools located in close proximity to pollution hotspots, such as refineries, ports, railyards, and busy highways. Our MERV 16 rated high performance HVAC air filters have been shown to dramatically reduce indoor pollution levels for ultrafine particles (UFPs) and diesel soot by up to 90%. Bear in mind that this involves upgrading the classrooms' existing legacy HVAC systems—not installing expensive new hospital-grade HVAC equipment—so this is why we know that it is possible to provide a “clean air safe haven” for the inhabitants of buildings located close to freeways.

This is also why IQAir urges going one step further, and recommends the use of MERV 16 filters for both residential and non-residential buildings. The reason for it is simple: it is to compensate for the fact that this type of high efficiency/ high airflow filter tends to lose filtration efficiency over time when battling highway pollution. A filter that starts out at MERV 13 might drop down to MERV 10 levels by the time it gets replaced, and that means the inhabitants could be exposed to a lot more air pollution than the amendment had intended. By starting out at a higher efficiency level, it is possible to maintain at least the MERV 13-level filtration efficiency over the entire life of the filter. There is actually a filter rating scale that describes a filter after its efficiency has dropped due to such pollution challenges; unfortunately, hardly ever is a filter marketed by its MERV-A rating nor are most people even aware that such a test standard even exists. So

whereas it might make sense to support a MERV-A rating of 13-A, it is probably wiser to state the requirement in terms people understand, and that is why we recommend simply jumping up to a MERV 16 rating.

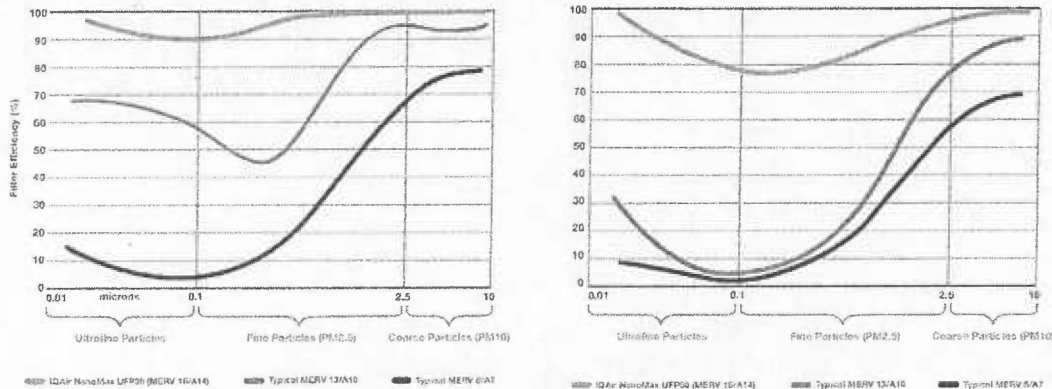


Figure 1 (left): initial filter efficiency for new filter
 Figure 2 (right): minimum filter efficiency expected in actual use

One of the potential objections we often hear concerns the airflow resistance (aka. “pressure drop”) often associated with high efficiency filters. Whereas that may have been true in the past, current technology affords the possibility of combining high filtration efficiency while still allowing air to flow relatively easily through the filter. The industry is catching up and ASHRAE now has updated standards and guidelines that better reflect the current state of technology. Taking that into consideration, IQAir recommends that these MERV 16 filters have a pressure drop of less than 0.2” wc for residential applications, and 0.4” wc for non-residential applications for new filters. Typical HVAC systems in good working condition should be able to handle these airflow resistances without problem.

In terms of cost, the higher efficiency filters have a more expensive unit price than what people are currently spending on their low efficiency filters. But in some cases, the higher efficiency filters might also last twice as long. When combined with the labor savings for replacing filters less often, this helps mitigate the price differential when upgrading to filters that actually provide clean air for the building’s occupants.

Filter Type	Ave Filter Efficiency for UFPs		Cost per Filter	Replacements per Year	Annual Filter Cost	Annual Labor Cost	Total Annual Cost	Total Annual Cost per Sq. Ft.
	Initial	Used						
MERV 16	90%	65%	\$90	2	\$180	\$20	\$200	\$0.25
MERV 13	65%	15%	\$20	4	\$80	\$40	\$120	\$0.15
MERV 11	15%	10%	\$10	4	\$40	\$40	\$80	\$0.10
MERV 8	8%	5%	\$6	4	\$24	\$40	\$64	\$0.08

*note: Ultrafine Particles (UFPs) are particles smaller than 0.1µm

Figure 3: Estimated annual costs for upgrading to high efficiency filters

When viewed from a total cost of ownership perspective, stepping up to MERV 16 filters only costs about three times as much as the MERV 8 filters that are typically installed in buildings.

IQAir applauds the efforts by Clean Up Green Up and the LA Department of Building Safety to amend the Building Code in order to help provide equal air quality for people who live and/or work near busy highways. "California leads the nation," and this would be a great opportunity for Los Angeles to pave the way for better air quality across the country.

Sincerely,



Glory Dolphin-Hammes
CEO, IQAir North America, Inc.

GDH/mm

cc: Stephanie Taylor, LA Collaborative for Environmental Justice



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Members Planning Land Use Management Committee
via email

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Sincerely,

President & CEO

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October 2, 2015

Honorable Councilmember Jose Huizar
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via email

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

Dear Members of Planning Land Use Management Committee,

On behalf of Union de Vecinos, I respectfully submit this letter in support of the Clean Up Green Up Initiative Ordinance, which we understand will be heard by the Planning Land Use Management Committee October 27, 2015.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Blaney, Co-Director

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October 21, 2015

Honorable Members Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

RE: Clean Up Green Up—Proposed Amendment to Los Angeles Building Code to Require Mechanical Filtration in Buildings within 1,000 of Freeways (Council File 15-1026)

Dear Honorable Members:

As members of the LA Collaborative for Environmental Health & Justice, we respectfully submit this letter in support of the proposal, as we understand it, being submitted by the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) to amend the Los Angeles Building Code to require mechanical air filtration in new and substantially rehabilitated buildings located within 1,000 feet of freeways at the level of Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) of 13 or higher. We are pleased to see the DBS recommending this important next step in protecting the health of persons who live or work in proximity to freeways.

There has been substantial documentation over the years of the health impacts, especially on vulnerable populations, of exposure to the mix of pollutants that are generated from vehicle traffic on freeways. The California Air Resources Board (ARB) notes that such emissions "have been associated with a variety of serious health impacts in epidemiological studies, including exacerbation of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases and conditions, increased asthma and bronchitis in children, and increased risk of premature death. Traffic pollutant concentrations near high traffic roadways have been found to be 2 to 10 times higher than levels at a distance from the roadways."¹ Various studies have documented that these concentrations are most severe within 300 to 500 meters (roughly 900 to 1,500 feet) of such roadways, leading to recommendations that special attention be given to placing sensitive populations, and the structures they occupy, within such distances. In recognition of such analyses, ARB has recommended since 2005 not siting sensitive uses within 500 feet of freeways²; the City Planning Department in 2012 adopted an advisory notice to inform property owners and developers of sites up to 1,000 feet from freeways of such health issues and provide, as a condition of approval, that the City Planning Commission could require reducing exposure to such pollutants through site design or a

¹ California Air Resources Board, "Status of Research on Potential Mitigation Concepts to Reduce Exposure to Nearby Traffic Pollution," August 23, 2012, Page 1

² California Air Resources Board, "Air Quality and Land Use Handbook," 2005, page 4

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Honorable Councilmember Jose Huizar
Chair, Planning Land Use Management Committee
City of Los Angeles
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Sent to Members of the Planning Land Use Management Committee via U.S mail and e-mail

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

Dear Members of the Planning Land Use Management Committee,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, I respectfully submit this letter in support of the Clean Up Green Up Initiative Ordinance. Many of the 600,000 hardworking Angelinos that we represent live in close proximity to industrial land uses and are possibly exposed to contaminants that create adverse health impacts for their families and communities. Resulting in increases cases of illness and a significant decrease in the quality of life and productivity in the workplace.

We believe that Clean Up Green Up is a reasonable policy, which initially focuses on three communities - Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington – that have been subjected to high levels of pollution and decades of high unemployment. We believe that the policy will create the necessary regulatory tools and incentives to reduce pollution and grow the types of quality, living wage careers that serve our families, the City of Los Angeles and the environment.

In addition, we support the Los Angeles Collaborative for Environmental Justice (Communities for a Better Environment, Coalition for a Safe Environment, Pacoima Beautiful & Union de Vecinos) in their effort to monitor the ordinance as it moves forward for passage by the full city council to ensure the ordinance contains the strongest local regulatory and land use tools possible, especially regarding the proposed conditional use permit for oil refineries and asphalt manufacturers.

We eagerly anticipate the passage of the Clean Up Green Up policies and we look forward to the success of the three pilot zones, which will lead the way to economic innovations and a healthier, safer and greener Los Angeles.

In Solidarity,



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Members Planning Land Use Management Committee
via email

RE: Clean Up Green Up Ordinance (CF# 11-0112 and CF#15-1026)

Dear Members of Planning Land Use Management Committee,

On behalf of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, we respectfully submit this letter in support of the Clean Up Green Up Initiative Ordinance.

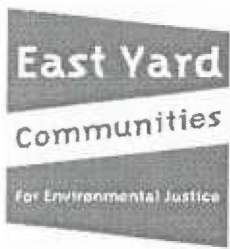
We strongly support the proposed new development standards for the three pilot Green Zones of Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington because they provide much needed local regulatory tools to address issues arising from the proximity of incompatible land uses – largely industrial uses close to homes, schools, parks and other places where vulnerable populations gather. The standards also deal with the cumulative adverse impacts that result from concentrations of certain uses close to such sensitive uses.

As we know from numerous studies, reports, and testimonials, exposure to industrial pollution, both long-term and short-term, has devastating impacts on health. Therefore, it is critical that we take the necessary steps to protect public health, promote sustainability, and ensure responsible land use practices.

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Sincerely,



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