

March 8, 2016

Honorable Councilmember Jose Huizar Chair, Planning Land Use Management Committee Members Planning Land Use Management Committee

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

Dear Members of Planning Land Use Management Committee,

On behalf of the Green LA Coalition, I respectfully submit this letter in strong support of the Clean Up Green Up Initiative Ordinance, which we understand will be reheard by the Planning Land Use Management Committee later in March.

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.

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 final passage by the full city council to ensure the ordinance contains the strongest local regulatory and land use tools possible and is implemented without delay.

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.

Sincerely,

GreenLA Water Committee Members





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