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Councilmember, 15th District

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Hon. José Huizar
Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee
200 N. Spring St., Room 465
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF 15-1026 - Clean Up Green Up

Dear Mr. Huizar:

I am very excited about the progress made on the draft Clean Up Green Up ordinance, and I am pleased to offer my support for the version before the Planning and Land Use Management Committee and to offer my recommendations for the development a comprehensive enforcement strategy.

Today, we have data that shows whole neighborhoods of low-income families are disproportionately affected by the adverse environmental effects caused by a legacy of land use conflict. The draft ordinance before you today will help minimize the impacts of that land use conflict between residential and industrial interests, which is particularly severe in Wilmington, one of the communities which I represent and one of the three areas targeted in the ordinance.

As a 15 year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department, I know first-hand that in order for an ordinance to be effective, there must be a strategy and resources in place to enforce it. The current enforcement of existing codes and regulations resembles a game of whack-a-mole; by the time we achieve compliance or shut down one business, two more have popped up nearby. While enforcement will be part of the Ombudsperson's position, the volume of work is too great for one person to oversee three neighborhoods.

Addressing the disproportionate environmental impact in these neighborhoods is about more than establishing processes for regulating new and expanding projects. Clean Up Green Up needs to include the resources to work with existing businesses to ensure legal and environmentally compliant operations in a truly proactive and comprehensive manner. Without this component, I do not believe Clean Up Green Up will achieve its stated goals.

Therefore, I respectfully request your Committee to direct staff to develop a comprehensive enforcement strategy, including the projected funding and personnel needed to make this ordinance a success.

Sincerely,

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- **Councilman Buscaino recommends that PLUM do the following:**
- Approve the ordinances that comprise Clean Up Green Up.
- Instruct CAO & CLA, in consultation with DBS and City Attorney, to report in 30 days on resources needed to develop a program of proactive enforcement in the pilot zones of Boyle Heights, Pacoima and Wilmington to ensure compliance of current code and environmental regulations by existing businesses and to tackle unpermitted and illegal operations in the pilot zones. The report should include a staffing plan, budget, and funding sources, with the understanding that the Ombudsperson will coordinate the work of the enforcement program.