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RE: Clean Up Green Up (CPC-2015-1462-CA) –Proposed Zoning Changes
(CF# 11-0112)

Dear Mr. LoGrande:

On behalf of the State of California Auto Dismantlers Association (SCADA), I respectfully submit this letter in support of the proposed Clean Up Green Up Initiative and Zoning Code Amendment dated May 14, 2015.

The State of California Auto Dismantlers Association (SCADA) is the statewide trade association of licensed dismantlers, with about 165 members throughout the state. SCADA members strongly believe in and support responsible recycling and environmental protection. They ensure the proper handling and disposal of all automotive-related hazardous materials, including gasoline, oil, Freon, antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, batteries, and tires.

The Clean Up Green Up Initiative is an important step towards achieving environmental justice and protecting the public health of residents from three of LA's most polluted communities (Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington) while promoting the cleaning and greening of many businesses. We expect this example will lead the way for the rest of the city.

We strongly support the proposed new development standards for the three pilot Green Zones of Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington which will address issues arising from the proximity of industrial uses close to homes, schools, and parks. The proposed land use regulations address these adverse cumulative effects. At the same time, these standards recognize the needs of those businesses, and provide means for them to continue to operate and expand in ways that promote a healthier environment for the businesses, workers, and residents of these communities.

We applaud the emphasis of the CUGU program on supporting local businesses with financial and technical assistance to become more economically and environmentally sustainable. The recommendation to hire an ombudsperson for the Green Zones to assist with streamlining inspection and enforcement programs, and supporting businesses to comply with environmental regulations is greatly

needed. Also, this office will assist businesses to more easily access funding and incentive programs that promote environmentally friendly practices. A streamlined enforcement program will help identify those businesses that operate without proper permits, and add certainty and equitable treatment to those businesses which strive to operate safely and properly.

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed Clean Up Green Up Zoning Amendments.

Sincerely,

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David Street
President

Cc: Hagu Solomon-Cary
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August 3, 2015

Mr. Michael LoGrande
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RE: Clean Up Green Up (CPC-2015-1462-CA) –Proposed Zoning Changes
(CF# 11-0112)

Dear Mr. LoGrande:

On behalf of EndOil / Communities for Clean Ports, I respectfully submit this letter in strong support of the proposed Clean Up Green Up Initiative and Zoning Code Amendment dated May 14, 2015. EndOil (and our campaign Communities for Clean Ports) is a Long Beach based organization that works on clean transportation alternatives to oil, thereby effecting cleaner air and healthier communities. We are especially interested in the success of the Clean Up Green Up initiative since we know that many neighborhoods and residents in Long Beach are adjacent to Los Angeles industrial and polluting facilities.

We strongly support the proposed new development standards for the three pilot Green Zones of Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington. The standards 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. The proposed land use regulations address these adverse cumulative effects, whereas business-by-business regulations governed by other entities often do not recognize or effectively respond to such conditions.

The Clean Up Green Up Initiative is an important step towards achieving environmental justice and protecting the public health of residents from three of LA's most polluted communities and we expect their example will lead the way for the rest of the city. Specifically, we want to emphasize our support for the following critical elements of Clean Up Green Up:

- We support companion changes to the Planning and Zoning Code including the conditional use permit for asphalt manufacturing and refinery facilities. We understand that most California communities that have such uses provide for conditional use permits to tailor appropriate land use to limit the effects of such facilities on nearby communities. We concur that such controls can make them better neighbors.

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- We also applaud the emphasis of the CUGU program on supporting local businesses with financial and technical assistance to become more economically and environmentally sustainable.
- We'd like to emphasize the importance of two parallel actions beyond the scope of the proposed zoning code changes— the recommendation to hire an ombudsperson for the Green Zones and efforts to streamline inspection and enforcement programs. The ombudsperson position will support businesses in complying with environmental regulations and assist them in more easily accessing funding and incentive programs that promote environmentally friendly practices. A streamlined enforcement program will help identify those businesses that operate without proper permits as well and add certainty and equitable treatment to those businesses which strive to operate safely and properly.
- Lastly, we wish to emphasize our strong support for the proposed recommendation to require, on a city-wide basis, a high level of air filtration systems in structures being built or expanded within 1,000 feet of freeways. Numerous studies show that the transportation sector is one of the largest sources of air pollution in California. Poor air quality poses a risk to everyone, but communities living closest to high volumes of truck and car traffic are most at risk for asthma incidents, increased lung cancer and other respiratory and chronic diseases. The density of Los Angeles and the lack of developable land that is not proximate to freeways, combined with traffic volumes on LA's freeways suggest that the need for such filtration systems in the city is perhaps among the greatest in California.

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Sincerely,

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Tuesday, August 4, 2015

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**RE: Clean Up Green Up (CPC-2015-1462-CA) -Proposed Zoning Changes
(CF# 11-0112)**

Dear Mr. LoGrande:

On behalf of Physicians for Social Responsibility-LA (PSR-LA), I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed Clean Up Green Up Initiative and Zoning Code Amendment dated May 14, 2015. PSR-LA is a physician and health advocate membership organization working to protect public health from environmental toxins and nuclear threats. We bring the voices of health experts to the forefront of critical policy discussions, and work alongside health professionals, advocates, and policymakers to create solutions that improve the health and environment for all Californians.

We strongly support the proposed new development standards for the three pilot Green Zones of Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington. The standards 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. The proposed land use regulations address these adverse cumulative effects, whereas business-by-business regulations governed by other entities often do not recognize or effectively respond to such conditions.

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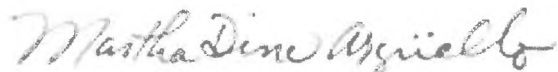
- We support companion changes to the Planning and Zoning Code including the conditional use permit for asphalt manufacturing and refinery facilities. We understand that most California communities that have such uses provide for conditional use

permits to tailor appropriate land use to limit the effects of such facilities on nearby communities. We concur that such controls can make them better neighbors.

- We applaud the emphasis of the CUGU program on supporting local businesses with financial and technical assistance to become more economically and environmentally sustainable.
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Sincerely,



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July 30, 2015

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(CF# 11-0112)

Dear Mr. LoGrande:

On behalf of ACCE, I respectfully submit this letter in strong support of the proposed Clean Up Green Up Initiative and Zoning Code Amendment dated May 14, 2015.

First, we would like to thank Hagu Solomon-Cary and other city planning staff for their efforts in drafting such unprecedented land use policies and the far-reaching Clean Up Green Up program. We strongly support the proposed new development standards for the three pilot Green Zones of Boyle Heights, Pacoima/Sun Valley and Wilmington. The standards 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. The proposed land use regulations address these adverse cumulative effects, whereas business-by-business regulations governed by other entities often do not recognize or effectively respond to such conditions.

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- We support companion changes to the Planning and Zoning Code including the conditional use permit for asphalt manufacturing and refinery facilities. We understand that most California communities that have such uses provide for conditional use permits to tailor appropriate land use to limit the effects of such facilities on nearby communities. We concur that such controls can make them better neighbors.
- We also support the proposed change in the Building Code that will require higher quality air filtration systems for certain new structures within 1,000 feet of freeways. Numerous studies have shown that ultra-fine particles that come from freeways have a serious health impact on people who spend a lot of time close to these freeways, especially in lung development in children. The density of the city and the lack of developable land that is not proximate to freeways, combined with traffic volumes on LA's

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Christina Livingston
Executive Director
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