



December 6, 2016

Councilmember Mike Bonin, Chair
Transportation Committee
Los Angeles City Council

RE: SUPPORT FOR LA CITY Low Income Electric Vehicle Car Share Pilot Project

Dear Chair Bonin:

On behalf of Tenemos que Reclamar y Unidos Salvar la Tierra (T.R.U.S.T. South LA), I am pleased to write in strong support of the City of Los Angeles's Low-Income Electric Vehicle Car Share Pilot project. T.R.U.S.T. South LA's mission is to work with community residents to transform the built environment and social conditions in both gentrifying and disinvested neighborhoods of South Los Angeles by: serving as a steward for community-controlled land; being a catalyst for and shepherding community-serving development; building awareness and community leadership in issues of housing, transportation and recreation; and developing programs that encourage community building and economic opportunity. A key component of our work focuses on Mobility & Recreation—advocating for policies, resources and relationships that maximize bike, pedestrian and recreation resources in our community to support healthy living and economic vitality.

T.R.U.S.T. South LA serves on the Project's Steering Committee. We are one of the leading Community-Based Organizations working in partnership with the Mayor's Office, Department of Transportation, Office of Sustainability, and LA Department of Water and Power by jointly developing the Project's design and plans for outreach, marketing, and evaluation. This partnership between the City and Community-Based Organizations from the onset of the Project evidences a commitment to serving Los Angeles's Low-Income and Disadvantaged communities.

As advocates for equitable mobility in an area that depends so heavily on public transportation and biking and with such high levels of pedestrian accident and fatality rates, we believe that electric vehicle car share is critical to expanding mobility options. Doing so will facilitate the creation of connected communities of opportunity, increasing accessibility to education, services, and employment opportunities and contributing to community revitalization. For this reason, we are committed to supporting this project through implementation.

We urge approval of the contract and look forward to Council action for final approval. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 233-4118 or via email at Sandra@trustsouthla.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sandra', written over a light-colored background.

Sandra McNeill
Executive Director

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