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Chair Jose Huizar and
Members of the Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM)
City of Los Angeles
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c/o City Clerk

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RE: C.F. 16-0503 – Lorena Plaza project

Dear Chairman Huizar and Members of the City Council:

I am writing in support of the Lorena Plaza project, and to urge the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) to deny the CEQA appeal filed by the Appellants representing El Mercado de Los Angeles (“El Mercado”).

The Lorena Plaza project will reserve half of its apartments for formerly homeless individuals and families, which will help Los Angeles address the homeless crisis the City is experiencing. Half of the apartments will also be dedicated for veterans and their families. It is my understanding that the proposed project has overwhelming support from the Boyle Heights neighborhood Council.

The proposed 49-unit project is similar to many other comparable-sized projects which also received a mitigated negative declaration. The issues identified in the CEQA appeal are not significant enough to require more than this determination.

I urge you to deny the appeal and allow the project to proceed.

Sincerely,

Mike Alvidrez
CEO