

August 10, 2017

Chair Huizar and
Members of the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Support Letter: C.F. #16-0503 - Lorena Plaza Project

Chairman Huizar and Members of the PLUM Committee:

Enterprise Community Partners is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Lorena Plaza project proposed by A Community of Friends (ACOF), and urge the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) to deny the CEQA appeal filed by the Rosados of El Mercado.

Enterprise is a national organization with a mission to create opportunity for low- and moderate-income people through affordable housing in diverse, thriving communities. For more than 30 years, Enterprise has created nearly 380,000 homes and invested \$28.9 billion, and touched millions of lives. We work closely with developers, funders, public agencies and community advocates working to reduce and prevent homelessness through the development of affordable housing.

We support ACOF's Lorena Plaza project proposal because it helps meet a growing need for affordable housing, has an immense amount of community support, and is located near the Metro Gold Line, connecting future residents to quality transit and other opportunities so they can thrive. The 49-unit project will help address the homeless crisis our City is experiencing. With the passage of Measure H and Proposition HHH, residents of Los Angeles are asking the City to provide this type of affordable housing. At the same time, ACOF has engaged with the residents in the Boyle Heights community for years through the design of this project and earned the support of many residents, community organizations, and the neighborhood council.

Enterprise Community Partners looks forward to working with ACOF in the future to expand affordable housing options for our City's most vulnerable people, and we wish them success in their efforts to build Lorena Plaza. Should you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to call KeAndra Dodds, Sr. Program Director, Policy and Special Initiative, at (213) 787-8214.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Waggoner

Vice President and Southern California Market Leader