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Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Lorena Plaza project

Dear Members of the City Council:

We are writing in support of the Lorena Plaza project. We strongly recommend you deny the CEQA appeal filed by El Mercado and allow the project to move forward.

We are concerned Angelenos who want to see our neighbors across the city get into stable housing. We are excited to see Lorena Plaza house some of our neighbors and look forward to supporting more projects like it. We voted for Measure HHH and Measure H and want to see those funds put to efficient use. We want to see permanent, supportive housing become a reality for all our neighbors in need. If you allow this project to be set back by unnecessary environmental impact studies, we fear it sets a dangerous precedent for future housing.

Lorena Plaza is a positive project that has community support. The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council voted 15-1 in support the project in 2015. We appeal to you to find a pathway to move this important housing development forward. Please deny the appeal and support the Mitigated Negative Declaration recommended by Planning Department staff.

Sincerely,

Madalyn Liautaud, Maggie Murray, Dara Weinberg, Torene Svitil, Nikki Dubose
and Alexa Roman (Concerned residents of the city of Los Angeles)