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Chair Jose Huizar and
Members of the Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM)
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012
c/o City Clerk – Sharon Dickinson, Legislative Assistant

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

Dear Chairman Huizar and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support for the Lorena Plaza project, and to urge you to deny the appeal filed by the next door neighbor of the proposed project, El Mercado.

I am the Executive Director of International Institute of Los Angeles, a 103-year-old social service agency located in Boyle Heights. I have been monitoring the project as a member of the community, attending public meetings of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council as well as Metro's Design Review Committee. At these meetings I have seen the developer respond to community concerns, redesign their project, and add other concessions to satisfy the community. This project ended up with a 15-1 support from the Neighborhood Council.

I have also heard the owner of El Mercado speak in opposition to the project. I understand they have filed a CEQA appeal, but I believe the concerns they expressed at these public meetings are not CEQA-related concerns.

I hope you will consider the project based on its merits, including the need for affordable and permanent supportive housing, and deny the appeal.

Sincerely,

E. Stephen Voss
Executive Director