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Chairman José Huizar and Members of the
Planning & Land Use Management Committee
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: C.F. 16-0503 – Lorena Plaza

Dear Chairman Huizar and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to urge your support for the Lorena Plaza project and request that the PLUM Committee deny the appeal filed by El Mercado, the next door neighbor of the proposed project.

I am the Executive Director of the Inner City Law Center, a legal services organization serving the most vulnerable residents of Los Angeles. We applaud your hard work to champion Proposition HHH last year, a successful effort that the Inner City Law Center and other organizations also worked hard to pass. Los Angeles desperately needs more affordable housing, especially supportive housing for those experiencing homelessness with disabilities.

While neighborhood opposition to the production of affordable housing is all too common, voters in District 14 and across the city overwhelmingly supported Prop HHH. Moreover, the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council has supported the specific project at Lorena Plaza by 15-1 margin. Residents of Los Angeles want to see homelessness addressed. They recognize that the solution is housing.

We cannot allow the stubborn opposition of a few individuals to stand in the way of this housing. I understand that the owner of El Mercado has filed a CEQA appeal, but the concerns that the owner has expressed at 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 this appeal.

Sincerely,



Adam Murray
Executive Director

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

Dear Chairman Huizar and Members of the City Council:

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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.

Diana Skidmore
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Sincerely,

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ICLC Letter of Support for the Lorena Plaza

Monica Ratajczak

May 16, 2017 11:42 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

Good Afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. Attached you will find a letter of support for the Lorena Plaza. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Best regards,

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Letter of Support for Lorena Plaza Project, PLUM Committee 5/16/17

Mike Alvidrez

May 16, 2017 11:47 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

Att: Sharon Dickinson, Plum Committee Clerk

Please be so kind as to enter into the record for today's PLUM Committee this letter of support for the Lorena Plaza Project – C.F. 16-0503 (Item #10).

Thank you

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