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Chairperson 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

Re: C.F. 16-0503 – Lorena Plaza project – CEQA Appeal

Dear Chairperson Huizar and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to urge the PLUM Committee to deny the CEQA appeal filed by the owners of El Mercado against the Lorena Plaza project.

As the Executive Director of an agency that has been working to address homelessness in Los Angeles for 33 years, I feel strongly that the long-term solutions to homelessness must include the development of permanent supportive housing.

The homeless crisis is visible throughout Los Angeles, including Council District 14, where this project is located. In approving Measures HHH and H, the voters have demonstrated that they want homelessness to be significantly reduced or ended in Los Angeles. That will be possible only if we allow permanent supportive housing projects to be developed throughout the City, including this project. The most recently completed Point in Time Homeless Count, which took place in January 2016, found 28,464 homeless in the City of Los Angeles, with 5,590 homeless in Council District 14.

Siting housing for the homeless is challenging, but well-designed permanent supportive housing with appropriate services enhances communities, as well as providing stable housing to the most needy among us. The developer, A Community of Friends (ACOF), has a well-earned reputation for producing exactly that sort of housing and providing services to ensure that ACOF tenants are good neighbors. After careful analysis, the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council came to agree; they voted 15-1 in support of this project.

Please deny the CEQA appeal so this urgently needed project may proceed.

Sincerely,

Ruth Schwartz
Executive Director