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December 14, 2018

The Honorable Herb Wesson III  
Council President  
City of Los Angeles  
200 North Spring Street, Room 430  
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The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson  
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**Re: Council File 16-0597- Request to Modify Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan**

Dear Council President Wesson and Councilperson Harris-Dawson:

We are writing in support of this request that Appendix B of the Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan (the Specific Plan) be modified to remove "live/work unit as defined in LAMC section 12.03" as an option.

As a Chamber with several members doing business in the Crenshaw Corridor/Leimert Park Village, we are deeply concerned by the trend in which new developments in our community are choosing to occupy the ground floor of their building with live/work units per the Specific Plan. Since the definition of live/work has been removed from LAMC section 12.03 it appears there is no actual guideline to which developers can be held accountable to ensure the ground floor of their new building will be used for cultural overlay uses such as arts & cultural activities, entertainment, retail or business use that serve the community. The current definition of a live/work unit does not require the unit to have any retail component that offers pedestrian enhancements to encourage people to regularly walk, shop, dine or recreate locally as described in the Specific Plan.

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of becoming a bedroom-community where residents spend their money in other cities such as Culver City, Santa Monica, Inglewood and Hawthorne and do not support the immediate already established Business District in Leimert Park Village and along the Crenshaw Corridor.

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In short, The Los Angeles South Chamber of Commerce would like to ensure that with increased housing density comes increased economic prosperity for our members and the local community, and that our local commercial streets are walkable and economically productive.

We appreciate the guidelines provided by the Specific Plan for development in Leimert Park Village, and, would like to ask that Appendix B is modified to remove 'live/work unit as defined in LAMC section 12.03'.

Very truly yours,

*Khalifa Bey*

Khalifa Bey, Ambassador  
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**Anna Martinez** <anna.martinez@lacity.org>  
To: Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 24, 2018 at 7:20 AM

Please see email below.

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