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**Fwd: Martin Town Expo Project**

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**Nick Hooper** <hoops225@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 12, 2016 at 12:54 PM

To: Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Dear Ms Dickinson,

I will be unable to attend the public meeting tomorrow on the proposed Martin Town Expo project in West LA. However, I would like to forward the email of support I previously sent to Councilmember Bonin.

Regards,  
Nick Hooper

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From: **Nick Hooper** <hoops225@gmail.com>

Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Subject: Martin Town Expo Project

To: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org

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Dear Councilmember Bonin,

I am writing to you regarding the new Martin Town Expo Center. I'm sure that many in the West LA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council want you to think that most residents are against this project. However, I am a local resident, unaffiliated with any developer, who wholeheartedly supports this project. I know many others who do so as well (I would urge you to look at the Neighborhood Council's Facebook page to see the lively discussing currently going on).

This is a great opportunity to both tackle both our housing and transportation issues at once. This city is increasingly unaffordable to those us who are neither wealthy nor lucky enough to have bought a house back in the 1980s. Just because people don't like change does not mean that the laws of supply and demand don't apply to the housing supply. To remain a city works for all its citizens, we need housing of all types (market rate, subsidized, etc). This project delivers on both in a location that takes advantage of a large city investment in transport infrastructure (i.e. the Expo line).

In addition, the developer has gone out of the way to design a thoughtful, potentially showcase development that could point the way towards a sustainable future of this city. I wish it had less parking (considering it's so near transit), but otherwise think this will be a real asset to the neighborhood and city as a whole.

Regards,  
Nick Hooper