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## Vision Zero Support

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Chair Paul Krekorian and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 435  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF # 17-0600 – Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2017-18

Dear Chairman Krekorian and Members of the Committee:

We need to ensure that the City's transportation Budget this year ***puts safety first*** and ***invests in a network of complete streets and sidewalks*** for all people who travel in our city. Because as of today, Los Angeles is the deadliest city for traffic crashes in the United States. Traffic collisions are the leading cause of death for children ages 5 to 14 in Los Angeles County. We are experiencing an epidemic, and a public health crisis of this magnitude demands adequate funding and your leadership that prioritizes community safety.

This budget is a reflection of our priorities, let's make sure it's actually reflective of the promise of Measure M. We supported Measure M because of its promise to provide mobility options for all — this budget decision is an opportunity for you to ensure those are safe options.

We urge your leadership to:

- Meaningfully increase funding for Vision Zero
- Decouple funding for road resurfacing and Vision Zero efforts. Vision Zero is a data-driven initiative that relies on evidence-based solutions that yield results (namely, fatalities and injuries prevented). It's driven by hard numbers. Because road resurfacing has not been shown to save lives, by combining road resurfacing and safety projects in one bucket, the effects of the City's Vision Zero efforts will be inaccurate.
- Ensure focus on corridor planning and addressing the Vision Zero High Injury Network.

Sincerely,

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Los Angeles City Council Budget and Finance Committee

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

## RE: FY 2017-18 Budget – Bureau of Sanitation

Honorable members of the Budget and Finance Committee:

The staggering scope of the public health exposure presented by the rising numbers of sidewalk encampments is now a citywide issue. The Mayor's budget is reflective of severity of the situation, however, there are two specific issues that must still be addressed.

1. Areas with the greatest need are not receiving service commensurate to that need. Council districts are apportioned resources equitably, but is it logical to provide the same level of resources to all districts? Our business improvement district (BID) straddles the traditional skid row area and an adjacent industrial zone. Only part of our district is within the Operation Healthy Streets (OHS) grid. The area that falls outside, despite having the same level of encampments as skid row, must compete for resources with other parts of the City.
2. We need to improve the way we deploy our resources. Sanitation personnel begin their day with a list of encampments slated for cleanup, but due to the size of the encampments they may only be able to clean one or two. The remaining ones are not done the following day; they are placed back on a list for rescheduling. This results in stakeholders expecting a clean up on a date that's been publicly posted, and then waiting as months pass without a clean up.

We understand that funding is key to fixing these problems, therefore please add our voices to those of so many others Citywide who are witnessing the escalation of this seemingly intractable problem.

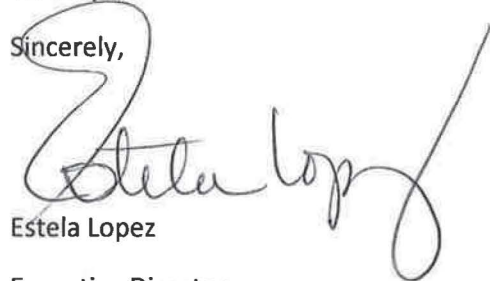
If we are to do a better job with our limited resources, however, we must ensure that we are allocating them in a way that provides the greatest return on investment.

We need to do a better job coordinating those resources and allocating them to match the greatest need.

Please give our request your highest attention and consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Estela Lopez", with a large, stylized initial "E" and a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Estela Lopez

Executive Director

cc: Hon. J. Huizar