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April 16, 2018

Councilwoman Nury Martinez, Chair  
Energy Climate Change and Environmental Justice Committee  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Martinez,

This letter is written in support of Council File 17-0724: Sixth Street Viaduct Underground Wiring District.

Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center, a city-run YouthSource Center, is located in Boyle Heights on 1600 E. 4th Street and serves low income young adults between the ages of 18-24 with education, training and employment services. Boyle Heights is a low-income neighborhood surrounded by freeways and an industrial zone, making our green spaces and access to safe public rights of way even more important.

I am excited to know that the City of Los Angeles is building a new park underneath the new Sixth Street Viaduct currently under construction that will benefit our families and youth in the immediately surrounding area.

I am also excited to hear that the City has taken measures to ensure that our immediate neighbors and residents in particular from the Pico Gardens community have direct and safe access to the park through efforts like adding brand new sidewalks, repairing broken sidewalks, and street lighting leading up to the new park and bridge. This residential area is directly adjacent to an old industrial area and as such, residents have to maneuver in-between large semi-trucks, and street obstructions like utility poles to walk around their block.

Undergrounding all the utility poles on this stretch would make for a safer walk for our families who will be visiting the new park and bridge. Please consider supporting DWP's underground utility pole project to ensure a safe and healthy experience for all the local families and visitors alike.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Scott Lee, Executive Director  
Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center