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Thom Davis Chair May 9, 2018

The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr. President, Los Angeles City Council Councilmember, 10th District 200 N. Spring Street, Room 430 Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: SUPPORT – TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER IN KOREATOWN 682 S. VERMONT AVENUE – COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392

Dear Council President Wesson:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO and the 800,000 women and men we represent, I want to state our strong support for the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (CF No. 18-0932).

The City has shown great leadership and courage in addressing the needs of our homeless residents. To continue doing so, our entire city must play a role. The temporary shelter in Koreatown is a step right direction.

The working people of Los Angeles played a major role in passing Propositions HHH, JJJ and Measure H, where over two-thirds of voters approved funding and regulatory reforms to make it easier to house those most in need, while also creating family-supporting jobs in construction.

The voters of Los Angeles expect a return from their investments in housing, which means a reduction in individuals and families sleeping our streets. They also expect any jobs connected to housing projects to pay enough to afford the area's cost of living. The temporary shelter in Koreatown is common sense approach to accomplishing that end in one of the neighborhoods with the highest density of homeless individuals.

In Solidarity,

**Rusty Hicks**