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

**RE: SUPPORT - TEMPORARY HOMELESS HOUSING
FACILITY IN KOREATOWN - 682 S. VERMONT AVENUE -
COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392**

Hon. Council President Wesson:

This letter is issued to support the proposed temporary homeless as stated in the reference. We applaud the City's leadership over the last three years with respect to the issue of homelessness that has affected every neighborhood throughout the City of Los Angeles.

Proposition HHH provides for \$1.2 billion dollars in construction funds for supportive housing and homeless facilities, a long term strategy to provide much needed housing. Measure H provides over \$355 million dollars a year in services to complement HHH, providing the much needed support and services that individuals experiencing homelessness need. We also need a short-term strategy throughout the City to get individuals off the street and into permanent housing and services. In order to address the short-term problems, the Mayor has announced \$20 million dollars to build emergency shelters throughout the City, with a minimum of 15 up and running by January 2019. With these shelters will come extra services for cleanups and outreach teams for every neighborhood that provides a site.

There are approximately 400 homeless individuals in Koreatown, one of the largest densities of homelessness in the City. Most publicly owned land in Koreatown are parks, libraries, and schools, and there are very few options to site a temporary shelter where it is desperately needed. The only available site in Koreatown owned and controlled by the City of Los Angeles is the DOT Parking lot at 682 S. Vermont Avenue. Koreatown needs this shelter, and other neighborhoods like Westwood, Hollywood, South Los Angeles, Mid-City, Studio City, Valley Village, North Hollywood, Van Nuys, and Chinatown are considering doing the same.

This *Chamber, the Board of Directors and its members* support the use of the DOT parking lot at 682 S. Vermont Avenue as a temporary homeless shelter to help solve this crisis. Every neighborhood and community needs to participate throughout the City if we are to achieve the mandates of Proposition HHH and Measure H.

Respectfully,

HUGO W. MERIDA - CHAIRMAN