



March 27, 2018

Councilmember Paul Koretz  
200 North Spring Street, Suite 440  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Councilmember Mike Bonin  
200 North Spring Street, Suite 475  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan - SUPPORT**

Dear Councilmember Koretz and Councilmember Bonin,

On behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), which has over 3 million members and activists, more than 400,000 of whom are Californians, I am writing to urge you to take expedient action to support the City Planning Commission's recommendations for the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan.

The plan as adopted by the City Planning Commission will contribute to solving the City's housing crisis by allowing for badly-needed new homes near the Expo Line, a \$2 billion public investment that provides sustainable connectivity to jobs, education, and services.

NRDC affirms that building more housing and reducing displacement near public transit is an environmental good. Los Angeles's population is growing. Providing housing for Angelenos in transit-accessible neighborhoods will help Los Angeles achieve its goals of increasing transit ridership and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

However, failing to allow for more housing near the new Expo Line stations will exacerbate traffic and greenhouse gas emissions, accelerate displacement in vulnerable neighborhoods, and undermine the City and County's investment in the Expo Line.

NRDC supports the recommendations from the City Planning Commission for augmenting the total housing and affordable housing opportunities near the Expo Line, namely:

- Additional midrise housing capacity on Pico Boulevard
- Additional housing capacity in the "Bundy Triangle" area
- Removal of height restrictions that favor commercial over residential uses
- Reduced parking requirements in certain cases
- Alignment of affordable housing incentives with the City's Transit Oriented Communities program

NRDC appreciates your respective track records of environmental leadership, and asks that you continue to lead Los Angeles to a sustainable and equitable future by supporting more housing for all Angelenos near transit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carter Rubin".

Carter Rubin, Mobility and Climate Advocate  
Natural Resources Defense Council

cc: Members of the Planning and Land Use Committee  
Chair Jose Huizar  
Vice Chair Marqueece Harris-Dawson  
Councilmember Mitchell Englander  
Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.