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Summary: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers Cedillo, Krekorian, Blumenfield, Raman, Koretz, Martinez, Rodríguez, Harris-Dawson, Price, Ridley-Thomas, Bonin, Lee, O'Farrell, de León, and Buscaino, We, the Mid City Neighborhood Council, fully support Councilman Bonin's proposed resolution to provide funds to state and local agencies for fare-free public transit. The public transit system has taken a blow due to the global pandemic but is still a necessary resource for the city and many of its lower income residents. Essential workers rely on the system now, which has suffered from service reductions for many reasons. As we recover from the pandemic, the reliance on LA's public transportation systems will increase and be especially important to those still financially recovering. A fare-free metro system would be an important step in addressing transit equity gaps as well as making it easier for tourists and other visitors to Los Angeles. The public transit system is also an important component of active transportation, enabling cyclists and residents who like to run or walk to take a bus or the light rail out of our park-poor region to other parts of the city. A fare-free system would be very important in encouraging our stakeholders to enjoy a more active lifestyle, especially coming out of the pandemic. We urge the City Council to pass the resolution for the City of Los Angeles to support and/or sponsor fare-free transit in our city.