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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(3) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

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Summary: United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council (UNNC) supports council file 21-0002-S30. UNNC requests LA City Council to include support for H.R. 7389/S. 4278, the Freedom to Move Act, and other legislation that would provide funds to state and local agencies to provide fare-free transit, in the city of Los Angeles's 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program. Public transportation is the heart of a city's infrastructure. Eliminating fares will increase Metro's accessibility and thus improve mobility for low-income and disabled travelers, curb local pollution, and reduce traffic and auto dependency. The legislation this resolution would support would only eliminate the burden of fares from Angelenos — not their corresponding revenues from Metro's budget. Metro would instead source those funds from the federal level. H.R. 7389, for example, will "direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a grant program" to cover those revenues and support metro systems. Incidentally, these funds are minimally important to Metro: passenger fares comprised just 3.94% of Metro's budget in 2020 and are budgeted to fill 1% of the 2021 fiscal year budget. A fare-free system will incentivize increased transit use, lessening Angelenos' dependence on cars, eliminate criminalization of poverty, and reduce our city's carbon footprint. Since Los Angeles has such a large number of low-income riders and essential workers, the city council should wholeheartedly support this resolution and legislation that would facilitate the initiative for fare-free transit systems, for environmental, racial, and class justice.