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Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC) backs this call to pass the Freedom to Move Act in Congress and supports the City Council asking Congress for federal grants to fund fare-free transit. The LFNC represents over 40,000 neighborhood stakeholders in Los Angeles, including around 1,500 residents alone who commute to work regularly on public transit. Given the importance of transit to fighting climate change, curbing local pollution, reducing traffic and auto dependency, and providing mobility for low-income travelers, making transit free is imperative for our community and county. Eliminating fares will boost ridership by making transit more convenient, simpler, and of course more affordable. By reducing wait times at stops as riders queue up to pay, buses will speed up as well. Many transit agencies, like Los Angeles Metro, have already experimented in de facto free transit during the pandemic. Fareless transit will also further transit operators' goal of providing equitable mobility. Transportation is the second-largest household expense nationwide, accounting for 16 percent of household budgets. The cost of regular fares or a monthly pass is out of reach for many travelers in the county, so removing the barrier of fares will greatly enhance mobility for those who may need it most. Moreover, getting rid of fares will end the need for fare enforcement, a common source of discriminatory law enforcement interactions with riders of color, and reduce the potential for violent escalation of police incidents. The LFNC is encouraged by Freedom to Move Act's support for fare-free transit and the other mobility equity provisions. We urge its speedy adoption and hope it can support Metro's Fareless System Initiative and efforts to make other Southern