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May 15, 2024

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Mr. Carl Guardino, Chair
California Transportation Commission
550 South Main Street
Orange, CA 92868

Dear Mr. Guardino:

As Representative for the 34th congressional district of California, I write to express my support for the full and fair consideration of the execution of director's deeds in favor of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) for the ten properties awarded to HACLA in August 2023 pursuant to the competitive solicitation issued by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

HACLA's plan to develop these properties as affordable rental housing for 55 years aligns with the 710/El Sereno Neighborhood Vision Project Report (Vision Plan) dated December 3, 2021. The vision plan has strong community support and addresses the city's dire need for additional housing affordability through strategies that are responsive to a variety of needs identified by local stakeholders, including infrastructure improvements and the expansion of affordable housing with limited densification through accessory dwelling units (ADU's).

HACLA's development plan for these properties includes the rehabilitation of existing single-family homes that are in good condition and the addition of one or more ADU's to each property. Once all construction is completed, HACLA will provide up to 31 units of affordable housing, which would increase the total number of units on these properties by 15. HACLA plans to attach long-term project-based Section 8 assistance to these units, ensuring that the units remain deeply affordable to eligible families with incomes not exceeding 50% AMI.

HACLA's experience administering the El Sereno (Caltrans) Transitional Housing Program uniquely positions this organization to continue serving the community. To date, this program has served 120 individuals (34 families) in 24 units. Of the 34 families that that have utilized the program, four have utilized Section 8 or EHV vouchers, with a total of 40 individuals (12 families) making the full transition to permanent housing of their choice. Potential execution of director's deeds could enable HACLA to build on prior success making affordable permanent housing options available within the El Sereno community.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ethan Dodd on my staff, at Ethan.Dodd@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress

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May 13, 2024

Mr. Carl Guardino - Chair, California Transportation Commission
Orange County Transportation Authority Boardroom - 550 South Main Street
Orange, CA 92868

RE: SR 710 Sales Program – Execution of Ten Director’s Deeds in Favor of HACLA

Dear Mr. Guardino:

I am writing in support of the execution of Director’s Deeds in favor of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) for the ten (10) properties awarded to HACLA in August 2023 pursuant to the competitive solicitation issued by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

HACLA’s plan to develop these properties as affordable rental housing for fifty-five (55) years aligns with the 710/ El Sereno Neighborhood Vision Project Report (Vision Plan) dated December 3, 2021. The Vision Plan has strong community support and addresses the City’s dire need for additional housing affordability through strategies that are responsive to a variety of needs identified by local stakeholders, including infrastructure improvements and the expansion of affordable housing with limited densification through Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s).

HACLA’s development plan for these properties includes the rehabilitation of existing single-family homes that are in good condition and the addition of one or more ADU’s to each property. Once all construction is completed, HACLA will provide up to thirty-one (31) units of affordable housing, which would increase the total number of units on these properties by fifteen (15). HACLA will utilize the Faircloth to RAD Program to attach long-term project-based Section 8 assistance to these units, ensuring that the units remain deeply affordable to eligible families with incomes not exceeding 50% AMI.

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If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact District Director, Steve Veres at 213-483-9300. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "María Elena Durazo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MARÍA ELENA DURAZO
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If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact my District Director, Marisela Villar, at (213) 483-5252. Thank you.

Sincerely,



WENDY CARRILLO

Assemblymember, District 52

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OF WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
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Dear Mr. Guardino,

The Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley and Eastside, fully supports the execution of Director’s Deeds in favor of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) for the ten (10) properties awarded to HACLA in August 2023 pursuant to the competitive solicitation issued by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

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If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact my lead staff person for this initiative, JR Dzubak at jdzubak@wsgvbgc.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

JR Dzubak, Chief Executive Officer
Boys and Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley
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