

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Honorable City Council of Los Angeles, I urge the Council to appropriate sufficient funding and approve the expansion and renovation of the Los Angeles Convention Center as a vital asset to the City. We must find a way to overcome the challenges that have delayed appropriate and necessary action on improving this asset. Conventions are a key demand driver for the economy of Los Angeles. In the current condition of the Convention Center, Los Angeles cannot compete to attract the enormous opportunities and magnitude of dollars the major City-Wide Conventions contribute to the Los Angeles economy. The continued deferment of this vision is damaging the Cities image irreparably and will stall the development of hotels and growth in the arena of Conventions and Meetings deserving of our culture and massive investments already in motion for infrastructure improvements. The failure to provide approval and appropriations to improve and expand the Convention Center will jeopardize and slow the momentum. Failure to act will destroy the belief of developments for any future growth whose decisions and investments to date were planned based on the promise that the City would deliver on the commitment to provide an asset worthy of competing for bigger and better conventions.