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Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter in support of the South Park Towers project, signed by UNITE HERE Local 11 Co-President Susan Minato, on behalf of UNITE HERE Local 11.

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PLUM Committee Chair Harris-Dawson
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Support for South Park Towers Project (24-0812) and Economic Incentive Agreement (18-0734-S2)

Dear Chair Harris-Dawson and City Councilmembers,

UNITE HERE Local 11 represents over 20,000 working class Angelenos in the hospitality and food service industries in Los Angeles. Our union fights for housing, particularly affordable and rent-stabilized housing and has long advocated for the use of hotels as emergency housing for unhoused Angelenos. For these reasons, we support the proposed South Park Towers project.

The proposed South Park Towers project will bring 250 units of rental housing to Downtown Los Angeles, together with a 300-room hotel, creating the possibility for workers to both live and work in Downtown Los Angeles. **As part of its proposed hotel incentive agreement¹, the hotel has committed to allow the hotel to be used during emergencies, including future pandemics, for temporary housing. We hope other projects follow this model.**

The project is also located in an area well served by transit. It is located minutes away from the Metro Pico Station, served by both the Metro A and E lines.² Metro, LADOT, Torrance Transit, and Foothill Transit all have bus routes that have stops within close proximity, including commuter services, to different regions of the county. Employees and residents at this project will be able to more easily take transit to work.

Please approve this project and please schedule the vote on the proposed hotel incentive agreement so that this project can come to fruition. We think that a project that provides this mix of housing and jobs at a transportation hub merits incentives. Thank you.

Regards,



Susan Minato
Co-President
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¹ Page 67. <https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2018/18-0734-S2_rpt_cla_7-31-24.pdf?

² https://www.transit.wiki/Pico_Station