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Council File No: 23-1244

Comments for Public Posting: January 12, 2023 Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky RE: CF 23-1244 - Support Dear Councilmember Yaroslavsky, The Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) is pleased to support Council File #23-1244, a motion to address Measure M plans and funding for “first/last mile” (FLM) improvements. The Los Angeles Business Council is an advocacy and research organization with more than 500 members across greater Los Angeles. For more than two decades, we have strongly advocated for policies and programs that have helped incentivize sustainable transportation infrastructure development. To that end, the LABC were early supporters of Measure M. Measure M, since passing with strong support in 2016, is delivering on public transit in Los Angeles, with much of the investments coming online ahead of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. In addition to broad infrastructure investments, Measure M established a partnership between LA County cities and Metro to create a seamless door-to-door experience that includes “first/last mile” improvements. Measure M required cities with new rail lines to contribute 3% of the project’s total cost back to Metro. In the City of Los Angeles, several projects underway require the City’s total contribution to be more than \$182.5 million. In lieu of a funds transfer, FLM policies allow for the 3% contribution to be directed to first/last mile improvements. Currently, 49 stations wholly or in part in the City of Los Angeles have FLM plans, stretching across 14 Council Districts. As the City pursues these projects, they can be credited toward our 3% contribution obligation. These improvements would improve the City’s mobility and safety, delivering walking, biking, and safety improvements while also covering our Measure M obligations. Initiating and accounting for these critical investments should begin without delay. The LABC encourages Council to support this motion and proactively plan for FLM projects that meet our Measure M obligations; and improve the sustainability, mobility, and safety of Angelenos. Sincerely, Mary Leslie President Los Angeles Business Council



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