

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hon. Paul Krekorian The American Planning Association (APA) of Los Angeles writes in support of the Black Planners of Los Angeles (BPLA) as they seek designation as a “Qualified Minority Organization” in the City of Los Angeles. BPLA is a collective, employee group focused on advancing inclusive City employment within the planning profession and advocating for Black and other marginalized, historically underserved, and disadvantaged communities. Recent events over the years have exposed the deep inequalities that persist in our society. In response, BPLA has taken an important stance on advancing the principles of equity and fair representation in land use regulations and local governance. Please see the attached PDF for more information on how we support BPLA. Regards, Fern Nueno, Director American Planning Association Los Angeles Section

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APA Los Angeles strives to develop and implement equitable outcomes for all communities, especially those that have unequal access to power and resources. Communities of color in Los Angeles County are disproportionately affected by factors that result in instability, poor health, and violence. For generations, these communities have been subjected to redlining, segregation, and institutionalized violence by institutions intended to serve their needs. The foundation for planning that supports and serves disenfranchised communities is a recognition of these historic and contemporary forms of discrimination and violence. As a fellow planning professional organization, the mission of BPLA aligns with our goal to rebuild and transform communities to create a society that ensures safety, health and prosperity for all its inhabitants.

Please join us in supporting this organization that is focused on the process of healing and reconciliation in response to the destructive land use policies and zoning practices of our region's history that reinforced racial segregation, environmental injustice, and poor health outcomes in our communities.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "F. Nueno".

Fern Nueno, Director  
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