

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Kaitwan Jackson, I work with LA Commons, an arts organization based in Leimert Park that uses the power of storytelling and art to create deeper connections in the communities in which we work - predominantly South Los Angeles and MacArthur Park. I write in strong support of 23-1238-S2, which seeks to designate South LA as a Cultural District honoring the rich historic history of South Los Angeles, with the creation of markers and monuments throughout the District signifying this designation. A project which has received its initial funding through the advocacy of Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas (SD-28), who was able to secure funds from the state to support the creation of the markers and monuments. Over the past three months we have gone throughout South LA informing community members of all ages of the project and its intents, and the feedback has been nothing short of supportive. Community members have indicated their beliefs that this work can not only create a greater sense of community connectivity and pride, but that it also marks to the rest of our city, county, state, and the world, that South LA has a rich and full history that deserves to be embraced, and these markers and monuments do just that; they attract, story-tell, and make one want to invest more in the people, businesses and organizations that have made this community one that is abundant in assets. Thank you for your consideration of this historic and important project and designation.