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Eric Villanueva  
Legislative Assistant II  
Los Angeles City Council Committee  
200 N. Spring Street  
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**RE: Letter of Support for Permanent Supportive Housing Project in Council District 13**

Dear Mr. Villanueva:

On behalf of Thai Community Development Center (Thai CDC), please consider this letter of support for the Echo Park Project, a potential site for two permanent supportive housing projects in Council District 13 (CF: 12-1549-S10). Thai CDC advances the social and economic well-being of low and moderate income individuals in the greater Los Angeles area through a broad and comprehensive community development strategy including human rights advocacy, affordable housing, access to healthcare, promotion of small businesses, neighborhood empowerment, and social enterprises. As a non-profit housing developer, we developed the Halifax Apartments located at Yucca St. and Cahuenga Blvd in CD 13, which includes 46 multi-family affordable units for individuals and families at 35% and 50% AMI.

As a community development organization, we recognize the importance of a housing first approach paired with comprehensive services. We have worked with low-income immigrant community members to access the health and housing resources necessary to achieve stability in their lives. We have also witnessed a growth in our homeless neighbors sleeping in front of the small businesses in East Hollywood and at our East Hollywood Certified Farmers Market, who require health, housing, and other services. We need to increase permanent supportive housing to address the homelessness crisis and improve the conditions in our community. For this reason, we voice our support for the Echo Park Project in CD 13.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chanchanit Martorell at (323) 468-2555.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chanchanit Martorell". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Chanchanit Martorell  
Executive Director