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Summary: AVNC support the Capital Expenditure Plan. See attached.

Council File: 21-0039

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council is in strong support of a Capital Improvement Expenditure Plan – Council File: 21-0039. As Council President Martinez states in the motion, “One of the most pronounced ways inequity is visible in the City of Los Angeles is through public infrastructure and services.” We witness many of these inequities in our neighborhood: degraded public spaces, rutted streets, cracked or unpaved sidewalks, erratic street sweeping and deteriorating parks and recreation centers.

The City of Los Angeles does not have a comprehensive citywide capital plan that guides the work of its myriad agencies. Rather, Los Angeles’ public infrastructure planning and design is handled separately by all the different agencies within the city. The handling of information by different agencies inevitably results in communication and consensus breakdown; perpetual failures to provide basic services; and wasteful spending. We endorse the Motion’s assertion that a Capital Expenditure Plan would enable the City to take a more unified and holistic approach to planning for infrastructure improvements to ensure equity for all neighborhoods.

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council previously strongly supported the motion for Council File: 17-1311, and we are also strongly in support of Council File: 21-0039. We additionally propose that in conjunction with the future Capital Expenditure Plan, that we protect our capital investment(s). We recommend the city rehaul the 311 customer reporting system and its current backend information system used for the forwarding of customer submissions to city departments. The City of Los Angeles should implement a standardized backend 311 ticket reporting process for all departments. All departments would receive a complete ticket submission: photos, addresses, long/lat coordinates, and written description. This would require all departments to have the same capability tools for accessing and viewing customer reports. Currently each department has its own system, which has led to miscommunication, multiple site visits and improper closing of tickets.

The change we envision is a data tracking system to be created whereby all LA City Department can accurately share information received and their identified location (latitude/longitude) provided by the 311-application submission. If all Departments could share this information and areas of concern be identified, this would help identify emergent and common needs within our communities. A better data tracking system is equally important to us and especially important for changes that affect our schools, neighborhood and the LA River.

Therefore, the Atwater Neighborhood Council supports CF #21-0039. The Capital Expenditure Plan called for in the motion should assess infrastructure conditions and improvement needs across the city. The Capital Expenditure Plan must also encompass our myriad planning documents and reports in order to align future funding across all city departments and towards the implementation of the countless other plans that the City has adopted but which remain

mostly unrealized. The Capital Expenditure Plan must also prioritize investments according to considerations of equity, assigning the most urgency to the investments that would redress the historical exclusion in infrastructure planning inflicted on low income communities and communities of color.