

## Communication from Public

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**Council File No:** 21-0371

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear President Martinez and Honorable Councilmembers: We request our letter of support is added to the City Council File 21-0371 and 21-0371-SI, regarding SEIU Local 721 CEQA appeal involving two interrelated Master Plan Approvals for the Hyatt Hotel and USC Conference Center located at 1550 North San Pablo Street ("Project"). In January 2021, the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission narrowly denied an appeal and affirmed the Project's approval despite community stakeholders requesting various Project conditions to address potential noise and neighborhood impacts. As a community organization from Northeast Los Angeles dedicated to equitable development, the Arroyo Seco Alliance shares these concerns and believes that common sense modification should be incorporated to address these basic quality-of-life issues. As a community organization, we wish to encourage both private and public investment into our community, but to do so in an equitable manner that recognizes the secondary effects on housing insecurity and local business owners such investment can and does have. Any major development project such as the one proposed by USC needs to take into account the effect of both its direct and indirect actions, as well as that of its scale. That is why we believe the applicant should provide mitigation measures proportional to the effects of this Project. We support the appeal to City Council of the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission's narrow 3-2 approval of the two Master Plan Approvals at 1550 North San Pablo Street ("Project"), requests Councilman De Leon support of the appeal, and requests that the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) and City Council uphold the appeal and deny the Project until adequate mitigation is incorporated into the Project to lessen impacts on the surrounding community.

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**RE: Support of CEQA Appeal of Hyatt Hotel/USC Conference Room MPA (Council File Nos. 21-0371 and 21-0371-S1)**

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Sincerely,



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