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ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION

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Councilmember Harris-Dawson
200 N. Spring Street Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support Adoption of the Hollywood Community Plan Update (Council File 21-0934) and
Downtown Los Angeles 2040 Community Plan Update (DTLA 2040) (Council File 22-0617)

Honorable Councilmember Harris-Dawson,

The Engineers & Architects Association (EAA Union) represents approximately 5,500 employees in the City of Los Angeles. We represent dedicated city servants that work directly to advance policies that address the housing crisis, the city's most urgent challenge. To our members, the lack of meaningful housing options is more than an abstract policy failure, and is felt most acutely by the youngest generation of EAA members who are most likely to be priced out of renting or owning a house in Los Angeles. This would lead them to look for affordable housing far from their work locations that require hours spent on the road burning fossil fuels. Our members want our City leaders to support the housing solutions that will allow more people to live close to where they work and to access essential services and amenities.

For all these reasons, EAA strongly supports the adoption of the Hollywood Community Plan Update (CF 21-0934) and DTLA 2040 (CF 22-0617). Specifically, if the City Council fails to take action on the Hollywood Community Plan by May 12, 2023, the plan will be denied by default leaving the policy framework in place that was adopted in 1988. This would result in an epic policy failure that would have squandered decades of dedicated staff time and public involvement expended to advance sensible and equitable land use policies that respond to current demands for housing. We urge you to act to adopt the Hollywood Community Plan Update and DTLA 2040 Plan without delay.

Sincerely,

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