

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Investing in Place applauds the 2021 audit by the Controller's office and their work to reveal what has long been felt and known to all of us in Los Angeles: that LA's sidewalks are broken, inaccessible, and have not seen meaningful investment since the 1970s. Investing in Place continues to support the following recommendations from the 2021 controller's audit: 1. Fund an inventory of LA's sidewalks 2. Eliminate the outdated policy of "fix and release" Investing in Place has been at the table supporting the city's sidewalk repair program since the ADA settlement was finalized in 2016. We are disheartened by the City's slow pace to address this core infrastructure issue. Case in point: according to the 2021 audit, there is a backlog of more than 50,000 requests for sidewalk repairs that haven't been addressed. Even this week the FY24 budget memos documented the backlog of requests for access ramps: "Currently there are more than 3,400 verified, eligible Access Requests in the Sidewalk Repair Program queue ... The wait time can exceed 10 years for requests in lower priority locations (non-residential and/or more than 500 feet from a transit stop)." We hope the efforts to pilot the much-needed sidewalk inventory signals a new day and a commitment to invest in the city's sidewalks, crosswalks and access ramps. Sincerely, Jessica Meaney Investing in Place [jessica@investinginplace.org](mailto:jessica@investinginplace.org)