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Dear City Planning Commission,

We are writing to you in support of the proposed 169-unit mixed use development, including 19 affordable units, at 1149 N. Gower St, CPC2020-3253-DB-SPR-HCA. The project maintains the post-production office building, and the new construction will replace an adjacent surface parking lot. We urge the city to approve the project with the Density Bonus and incentives, and to find the project exempt from CEQA.

The greater Los Angeles region is facing a severe housing shortage, particularly affordable housing. Replacing vacant buildings and creating new housing in this neighborhood will help to reduce issues of gentrification and displacement. Abundant Housing LA believes that these housing challenges can only be addressed if everyone in the region does their part.

This project is in a good location for housing, with multiple bus stops, schools, a recreation center, and grocery shopping nearby. The neighborhood is highly walkable, with amenities including restaurants, stores, and theaters.

It is great to see the developer using the Density Bonus program to bring new homes, including badly needed affordable housing to the city. Affordable housing programs that depend on a percentage of new construction being affordable need a lot of new construction to have an impact, and the city should work to increase the number of developers using the Density Bonus. This project is a good project for Los Angeles and for the region and we urge the city to approve the Density Bonus and incentives and find the project exempt from CEQA.

Best Regards,

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