

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joel Barton

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2023 03:23 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1162

**Comments for Public Posting:** Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee 200 North Spring Street, Room 450 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Re: Letter of Support for Rendon Hotel/ CF: 22-1162 Dear Mr. Harris-Dawson, My name is Joel Barton, and I am the Business Manager for IBEW Local Union 11. On behalf of my organization, I am writing to express our support for the proposed Rendon Hotel project in the City of Los Angeles. I am writing today because I believe that projects like this deserve to be supported vociferously. The applicant has proposed a thoughtful, community-oriented and environmentally friendly project that will add much to the Arts District. But far more importantly, the project is an example for good development because the applicant has made several key commitments to the community. The applicant has committed to local hire provisions, ensuring that the skilled construction workforce from the surrounding areas will be employed. This crucial commitment means that workers will be paid living wages to construct this project, and continue to have access to safe, sustainable worksites, maintain the highest quality standards on the jobsite, and receive good benefits for their work. Sincerely, Joel Barton Business Manager



# IBEW Local Union Number 11

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, AFL-CIO**

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**JOEL BARTON – BUSINESS MANAGER / FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

October 4, 2023

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson  
Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee  
200 North Spring Street, Room 450  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel Barton".

Joël Barton  
Business Manager

CC: Kevin DeLeon, CD 14

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## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Jennifer Gutierrez

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2023 06:22 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1162

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please see attached letter of opposition.



*As CLUE, we educate, organize, and mobilize the faith community to accompany workers and their families in their struggle for good jobs, dignity, and justice.*

October 4, 2023

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson  
Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee  
200 North Spring Street, Room 450  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Councilmember Kevin De León  
200 North Spring Street, Room 425  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Opposition to Rendon Hotel (CF #22-1162 / C #-22-1162-S1 / CF #22-1162-S2)

Dear Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmember De León,

I am writing on behalf of Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), asking you to oppose the Rendon Hotel Project. CLUE is a faith-rooted worker and racial justice organization that educates, mobilizes and organizes people of diverse faith traditions throughout Southern California to take action in solidarity with low-wage workers and immigrants. CLUE brings together clergy and lay leaders of all faiths with the marginalized, the unheard, and the least protected—low-wage workers—in the cause of a just economy that works for everyone.

In the midst of a homeless crisis, it is highly disturbing that the City is considering allowing a new boutique hotel to permanently remove over 30 units designated for SRO (single room occupancy) housing. The Rendon Hotel's proposed replacement housing plan appears to violate the plain language of the Development Guidelines and Controls for Residential Hotels. The Guidelines state explicitly that rehabilitation is not allowed as replacement housing for sites listed in Attachment A of the document. The El Sol is listed in Appendix A of the Development Guidelines. The use of El Sol's rehabilitation for the Rendon project's replacement obligations would permanently and inappropriately extinguish obligations to replace units at El Sol, permanently reducing the stock of units designated for SRO housing.

The diverse faith communities that we organize and represent know very well the importance of more affordable and equitable housing in neighborhoods like Downtown Los Angeles and throughout our city. We know that we simply can not afford to lose any opportunities to provide increased housing. Please do not approve this without a compliant housing plan.

In solidarity,

Rev. Jennifer Gutierrez

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jose L CERVANTES  
**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2023 01:09 PM  
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OCTOBER 4, 2023

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson  
Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee  
200 N. Main St., Room 450  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Letter of Support for The Rendon Hotel  
Council File No. 22-1162**

Dear Mr. Harris-Dawson,

My name is Joe Cervantes. I am the Senior Pastor at Anchor Church DTLA. We are a community organization working to support Angelenos improve their spiritual, economic and employment benefit. We are writing on behalf of the families of Los Angeles whom we represent in support of the Rendon Hotel Project in the Arts District.

We support this project because it provides economic and employment benefits to Angelenos who so desperately need both in times like these. The Applicant has volunteered to provide preference to working men and women associated with the property and the local construction workforce through local hire. That is the kind of community commitment that we believe is fundamental to good development.

In addition, the Applicant worked with us and other community groups to propose a truly community-oriented project. The hotel is designed to contribute to the local creative community in various ways including providing space for artists and attracting tourism dollars to the area. We believe that this project will enrich the neighborhood, allow artists to continue thriving and above all grow the Arts District community. When the community grows, Los Angeles grows, and we all grow.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your approval of the Project.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe Cervantes", is written over a horizontal line.

Joe Cervantes

Senior Pastor, Anchor CHURCH DTLA  
1153 Valencia St  
Los Angeles, CA 90015