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Subject: Public comment in support of the SoCal Greenprint

Hello,

Thank you for giving the public the opportunity to provide comments on the SoCal Greenprint. My name is María Lamadrid, a concerned citizen who previously had the pleasure and joy of supporting community members along the LA River as the area developed in the City of Los Angeles.

During my time working to understand the impact of urban renewal as part of the Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative Visioning Plan team, I can attest that the SoCal Greenprint is the kind of tool that would have truly helped promote access to affordable housing, increase transportation options while also protecting the natural ecosystem of our community.

We had the resources, time and interest to drive an effective holistic process. Yet a tool like the SoCal Greenprint would have really lower the threshold of participation for many in the community to advocate for and participate in the urban planning process. Do not leave other small community groups without the resources to steer effective urban growth.

We must take immediate action to continue the vital work of releasing the SoCal Greenprint. Thinking that development and conservation are mutually exclusive is an antiquated idea that will bring harm now and to future generations. If the Covid-19 crisis has made even more clear is that we live in a period of constant change where not inaction has grave consequences.

Housing, transportation, public health, and climate are intersectional issues that, when not addressed holistically, impact those at the margins. Not continuing forward with the commitment to complete the SoCal Greenprint as envision is truly an equity and self-realization injustice.

I urge the council to publicly back the SoCal Greenprint.

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