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COUNCILWOMAN, 7TH DISTRICT**

March 31, 2021

The Honorable Rex Richardson
President, Regional Council
Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**RE: SUPPORT FOR SCAG STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE
CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
ACT OF 2021(CRRSAA) INTER-COUNTY APPORTIONMENTS – REGIONAL
COUNCIL ITEM #1**

Dear President Richardson:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) staff recommendation for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) inter-county apportionments. Los Angeles City Council District 7 supports SCAG's inter-county funding allocation methodology as it is fair, transparent, and implements the intent of CRRSAA and ARP to address the fiscal impacts to transit agencies related to the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The CRRSAA and ARP funding allocations are much needed for transit operators and agencies in Los Angeles County to continue to respond to and offset the impacts of COVID-19. Collectively, Metro and other transit operators in Los Angeles County have spent and received reimbursement from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for over 98% of our region's share of the original Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act inter-county funding allocations from SCAG. The SCAG staff recommendation reflects the operating expenses in each county and the total resources apportioned to each county as a result of both federal transit stimulus relief acts. This methodology appropriately directs CRRSAA and ARP funding to the demonstrated need for transit operating assistance in Los Angeles County compared to other counties in the SCAG region. The alternative proportionate

allocation would result in a loss of over \$230 million to Los Angeles County transit operators that desperately need these additional funds to maintain critical transit services to Los Angeles County's 10 million residents.

Metro and other transit operators in Los Angeles County are ready to obligate, spend and seek reimbursement for eligible operating expenses from the CRRSAA and ARP funds. Thank you for your continued partnership with Los Angeles County and for the leadership and professionalism exhibited by you and your staff in working through the CRRSAA inter-county apportionment process.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Rodriguez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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CC:
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Chief Executive Officer, LA Metro

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