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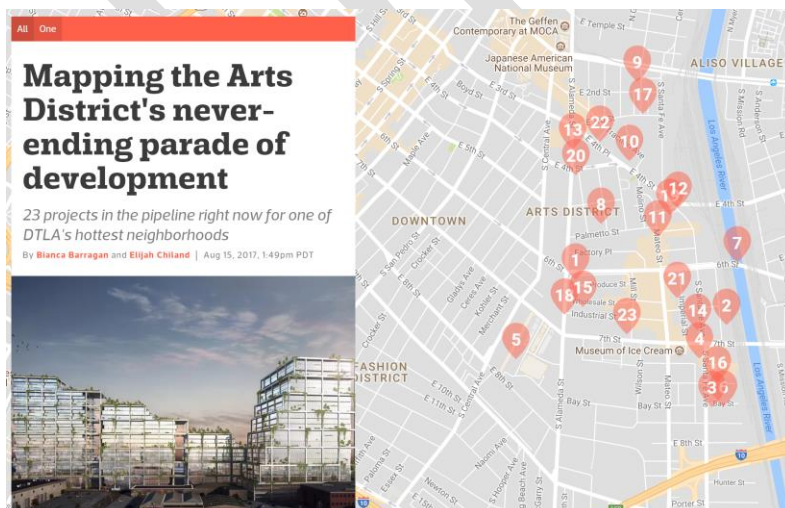
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Office of Chief Executive Officer
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: **Arts District Metro Stations**

Dear Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington:

The Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) would like to request that Metro reorganize the funding priorities to extend the Metro Rail Stations to the Arts District immediately. There are millions of square feet of creative office and other commercial uses that are being created. There are thousands of Live/Work Lofts that are under construction and in development.

DTLA 2040, Downtown’s Community Plan update is proposing to rezone a large part of the industrial area to accommodate job growth and residential population growth for City of LA and LA County. The Regional Connector when completed will make the northern part of Arts District more accessible to the Downtown Core. We need Metro to make it a priority to connect tens of thousands of new workers and new residents through public transit so the southern portions of the Arts District and the surrounding industrial areas are not limited to a single mode of transportation, the automobile.



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(See 23 major developments in the Arts District: la.curbed.com/maps/arts-district-los-angeles-development-map-2)

DLANC strongly urges that Metro, LA Department of City Planning (LADCP), and other agencies get on the same page to find a common vision for the growth in the Arts District and the Central City East. LADCP is planning for the population growth in DTLA by 125,000 additional residents by 2040. There are currently 2 million square feet of creative office space that are being filled with companies like Warner Music Group, Hyperloop One, Lyft, Adidas, and so on. This growth cannot be realized without the transportation piece. We understand that all the Measure M funding is allocated but I think the urgency and the opportunity we are facing deserves a second look. Please find a way to reprioritize the funding allocations and make Arts District a top priority.

Thank you for your consideration.

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*** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JANUARY 9, 2018***

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