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Commission President William Roschen
Los Angeles City Planning Commission
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 272
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: CPC-2007-2216-CA – Support for Modified Parking Requirement Districts

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) submits the following comments in support of the Department of City Planning’s proposal to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to create a Modified Parking Requirement District, pursuant to the motion passed on May 31, 2011, by DLANC’s Planning & Land Use Committee.

DLANC strongly supports the Planning Department’s effort to create new tools to address the varying parking needs of different areas of the City. The existing “one-size-fits-all” approach that results from city-wide minimum parking requirements does not reflect the diversity of land uses, transportation options and infrastructure needs of a large city like Los Angeles. Even within Downtown, many areas have excellent transit access and parking capacity, while historic neighborhoods and other areas have significant constraints on parking and transportation infrastructure. Moreover, the City’s existing tools for changing parking requirements are inadequate, especially as they typically require each property owner to seek an individual variance, resulting in inconsistent and sometimes conflicting parking requirements.

For these reasons, DLANC applauds the City’s attempt to create parking districts that can be tailored to the parking needs of a specific geographical area of the City. By offering a menu of different parking options, the proposed code amendments will allow the City appropriate flexibility to create parking requirements that are appropriate for a given district. Given the tremendous diversity of the built environment in Los Angeles, DLANC strongly encourages the City to implement the broadest possible set of potential parking tools, including all eight of the options identified in the draft ordinance circulated with the public notice for the March 30, 2011 hearing. Tools such as universal parking credits and municipal garage proximity relief have been demonstrated to be successful in encouraging the development of walkable, pedestrian-friendly districts. These tools would be appropriate for many areas of Downtown, and we urge the City to include these options in the final ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please provide DLANC with a copy of any further notices and decisions regarding this proposal.

Very truly yours,



Patricia Berman
DLANC President

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