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The Honorable Darrell Steinberg
Senate President Pro Tem
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable John Perez
Speaker of the State Assembly
State Capitol, P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: SB292: Proposed AEG Downtown L.A. Event Center and Farmers Field

Dear Senate President Pro Tem Steinberg and Speaker of the Assembly Perez:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) writes to express its strong support for Senate Bill 292, which would allow Farmers Field and the Los Angeles Convention Center modernization project to move forward in a timely manner. The bill strengthens environmental protections and public review procedures while creating an expedited judicial review process within the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). Anschutz Entertainment Group (“AEG”) has proven their commitment to operating as an environmentally responsible developer with Staples Center and LA LIVE, and SB 292 builds on this exceptional environmental track record.

DLANC is strongly supportive of the proposal by AEG for the development of Farmers Field and the L.A. Convention Center modernization in Downtown Los Angeles. The project will continue the re-activation of Downtown L.A. as a sports and entertainment destination, building upon the development of Staples Center and LA Live!. Those projects demonstrate AEG’s proven track record in creating world-class entertainment facilities that also serve to enhance the surrounding commercial and residential districts. The new facilities will be critical to continuing the growth of Downtown L.A. as a world-renowned destination for millions of tourists and other visitors.

DLANC believes that the current project proposal will be a major catalyst for the continuing renaissance of Downtown L.A., which has benefitted from billions of dollars of public and private investment over the last decade, including significant investment by AEG. The project will add new construction and operational jobs in the region’s largest employment center. In addition to the employment generated by the project itself, the stadium and revitalized convention center has the potential to stimulate other businesses in the project vicinity.

DLANC applauds AEG’s efforts to create an environmentally sustainable project that will enhance the pedestrian-oriented character of the South Park area. Just as importantly, AEG has set the standard as a partner and responsible employer for its fair and respectful treatment of its employees and its extensive community involvement.

We urge you to support this legislation and act on it before the end of the September legislative session.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Very truly yours,



Patricia Berman
DLANC President

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Shiraz D. Tangri
DLANC Planning & Land Use Committee Co-Chair

CC: Hon. Los Angeles City Councilmember Jan Perry (c/o Marie Rumsey)
Ted Tanner/Martha Saucedo (AEG)