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RE: Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) - Downtown Los Angeles

To Whom It May Concern:

At our regularly held public meeting on October 12, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments below:

As the oldest developed community in the City of Los Angeles, Downtown has faced challenges as it relates to infrastructural improvements when compared to other surrounding communities - especially west of Los Angeles Street in the Fashion District, Industrial District, and Central City East areas. As such, we applaud Councilmember De León's efforts in championing the creation of an EIFD for this area and the whole of Downtown.

In collaboration with our various community partners, DLANC supports calls for mass infrastructural improvements through place-making/urban design interventions, transit/mobility enhancements, upgrades to social service facilities, and general civil improvements such as stormwater management and sidewalk improvements.

Projects such as public plazas, bike lanes, and parklets enhance the micro-economy in communities like the Fashion District and Historic Core. Projects to support public sanitation and supportive and affordable housing in the Central City East help transition our unhoused community into more stable and supportive housing. Infrastructure that supports our manufacturing sectors in the Warehouse and Industrial Districts such as improved roads, transit, and wastewater management.

We ask that during the feasibility and outreach phase, that DLANC is included in conversations as the official certified Neighborhood Council tasked to represent all stakeholders in our community. DLANC also requests that a designated seat be created on the EIFD oversight board to allow for a single member from the DLANC Board of Directors to act as the appointed representative from the Neighborhood Council if permitted by law.

We support calls from our community partners to fund projects such as those undertaken by the Fashion District BID and surrounding community organizations. We will be working with our partners to provide a list of projects in a subsequent letter for your review.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working and collaborating on the ground-breaking projects coming to Downtown.

*** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON OCTOBER 12, 2021***

Sincerely,

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President,
DLANC

Debby Zhou
Chair,
DLANC Livability Committee

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