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VIA EMAIL

Re: Request for Scramble Crosswalks - LA Live and Convention Center Complex

To Whom It May Concern:

At our regularly held public meeting on April 12, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments below:

The LA Live / Convention Center area is a significant destination for tourists and Angelenos to experience sporting events, concerts, and other cultural and retail activities. During large public events, Figueroa Boulevard, between Olympic and Pico, is often the main thoroughfare for pedestrians and vehicles as the gateway to the LA Live - Convention Center complex.

The City has begun investing in improving pedestrian flow at major intersections in tourist and commercial hubs with Scramble Crosswalks, such as at Hollywood Walk of Fame, Alvarado Boulevard near McArthur Park, and at UCLA and USC campuses.

Yet, there is a gap in Downtown Los Angeles, particularly at the LA Live - Convention Center complex, where the pedestrian infrastructure is currently lacking despite its significance as one of LA's largest entertainment destinations and its proximity to public transit. In addition, Figueroa Boulevard sits on Vision Zero's High Injury Network (HIN) as a corridor burdened with pedestrian and vehicle-related fatalities.

Community and business organizations such as the South Park Business Improvement District have been longtime advocates for installing Scramble Crosswalks along Figueroa Boulevard to improve connectivity and the pedestrian experience.

Therefore, DLANC requests the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to study the installation of Scramble Crosswalks, in coordination with Council Districts 9 and 14 and other relevant City Departments, at the following intersections:

- Olympic & Figueroa Boulevards
- Chick Hearn Court / 11th Street & Figueroa Boulevard
- 12th Street & Figueroa Boulevard
- Pico & Figueroa Boulevards

In addition, DLANC requests Councilmember Kevin De León and Councilmember Curren D. Price to introduce motions into Council to instruct and fund LADOT to pursue the installation of Scramble Crosswalks at these locations.

*** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 12, 2022***

Sincerely,

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President,
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