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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Office of CD 14, Councilman Jose Huizar
200 North Spring Street
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Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Bunker Hill crossing improvements for blind

Dear Councilman Huizar,

This correspondence is to convey a motion of support by the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) to request crosswalk and additional pedestrian safety improvements for Bunker Hill crosswalks near Grand Park. At the May 14th board meeting, the motion was passed on the recommendation of DLANC’s Public Safety & Health committee meeting from May 1st.

Issues of safety concerns for blind and elderly pedestrians have been received by DLANC board members for the transit passages from Bunker Hill to the new Grand Park. The intersections of concern are Grand Ave & 2nd / Grand Ave & 3rd. Crosswalks of concern are Hill between First & Temple/ Broadway between First & Temple/ Spring between 1st & Temple.

Suggested safety enhancements include “talking crosswalks“ and other safety features. As a blind stakeholder quite clearly communicated “my (seeing eye) dog does not read red.”

We feel that it is urgent that these improvements will prevent an unnecessary pedestrian accident by protecting them from oncoming traffic.

Thanks again to Los Angeles Department and Transportation and CD14 Jose Huizar and staff for your concern on this issue.

Sincerely,
Patricia Berman
DLANC President

Sincerely,
J. Russell Brown
DLANC Public Safety & Health committee Chair
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