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To Whom It May Concern,

At a regularly scheduled board meeting on March 13th, 2023, the DLANC board voted to support a letter instructing the Los Angeles City Council to put forth a motion for a feasibility study to create a procurement oversight committee to ensure that city contracts and bids offer equitable access to procurement opportunities for local, small, and minority businesses. Procurement bids are critical for the survival of local contractors and it is essential that it is carried out in a transparent and accountable manner.

We believe that the establishment of a procurement oversight committee would help the City of Los Angeles conduct procurement activities with the highest standards of integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness, and widen the pool of diverse talent that will contribute to shaping our city. The feasibility study would aim to assess the viability of creating such a committee, including the scope of its responsibilities, membership, reporting structure, and resources required. It would also examine best practices in procurement oversight models, and provide recommendations on how to ensure the committee's success.

An oversight committee would be a valuable tool to assist in strengthening our procurement processes. We appreciate your consideration of our request for a feasibility study.

Respectfully,

Claudia Oliveira
DLANC President