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Mayor,  
City of Los Angeles

Ysabel Jurado  
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Council District 14

VIA EMAIL

**Subject: Equitable Allocation of Capital Infrastructure Plan Funds (Executive Directive #9)**

Dear Mayor Bass and Councilmember Jurado,

At our regularly held public meeting on April 8, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments:

We understand the City is in the process of developing a comprehensive CIP, as outlined in Mayor Bass's Executive Directive #9. While we commend the intention behind this initiative to address the City's significant infrastructure needs, there are concerns for the potential for resources to be directed away from historically underserved areas, such as Skid Row and other marginalized communities.

As you are aware, Skid Row faces significant infrastructure challenges, including inadequate sanitation facilities, neglected street infrastructure, and a lack of seasonal

resources to support the basic needs of its residents. The Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan (DTLA 2040) itself identifies numerous infrastructure improvements needed in this area (referencing Land Use Recommendations LU 30:17, LU 30:20, and LU 30:21).

Therefore, we would like to work with your office to ensure that the development and implementation of the CIP prioritizes the needs of these historically underinvested communities. Specifically, we would like to work with you to address the following points:

- The City of Los Angeles looks to LA County's Skid Row Action Plan to foster community engagement and dialogueSupport the goals and principles outlined in Executive Directive #9, particularly its emphasis on equity.
- Advocate for a transparent and inclusive process for developing the CIP, ensuring community input from marginalized areas is meaningfully incorporated.
- Ensure that a significant portion of the CIP funds are allocated to address the urgent infrastructure needs of Skid Row and the greater DTLA community.
- Lead public discussions and build consensus within the City Council and the broader public regarding the importance of equitable infrastructure investment.

The potential diversion of resources to address infrastructure needs in more affluent areas, such as the wildfire rebuilding efforts, raises serious equity concerns within our community. It is imperative that the City demonstrates a commitment to addressing the long-standing infrastructure deficits in areas that have been underinvested.

We urge you to champion the needs of the Skid Row community and other marginalized communities by drawing upon LA County's Skid Row Action Plan to promote meaningful engagement and dialogue. A truly successful CIP must center equity and invest in the infrastructure necessary to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all Angelenos.

We look forward to your response and welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further with you or your staff.

Sincerely,  
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