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SUPPORT: Hollywood Freeway Central Park

Dear Colleague:

It is with great pleasure that we express our support for the Hollywood Freeway Central Park.

The Park will create dozens of acres of public park space over the US-101, the Hollywood Freeway, as it passes through the heart of Hollywood near world-famous Sunset and Hollywood Boulevards. This part of the City of Los Angeles is heavily urbanized, and has one of the lowest resident-to-park space ratios in the region.

In addition to creating new park space where no land exists, the innovative design will actually help the environment by cleaning the air before recirculating it back into the community. And, because the freeway here is below grade, it will look and feel just like a street-level public park—bringing two, long separated areas of Hollywood back together once again.

The Park is a project of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, and is being supported by a wide range of community leaders who have organized the Hollywood Freeway Central Park Coalition. The Coalition is dedicated to providing leadership, fundraising, building a consensus between diverse constituencies, raising awareness, and promoting development of plans for the Park.

While we are in the early stages of determining feasibility and funding sources for the park, we are thrilled to add our names and provide our support for this innovative and needed project. We ask you to also support the Park.

Sincerely,

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