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Subject: Marina Central Park concept support letter

To whom it may concern:

Streets for All has requested support for its “Marina Central Park” concept which would result in converting the Marina Freeway (California State Route 90) into a public use and housing area.

The applicant’s presentation included maps showing the Marina Freeway in relation the larger contextual area and its history. The Marina Freeway was opened in 1968. Originally part of a much larger freeway project from Lincoln Blvd to Anaheim via the Slauson Corridor, the plans were watered down due to community opposition, and only 3.1 miles of freeway were constructed between Lincoln Blvd. and Slauson Ave. in Culver City.

The impacts of the 90 freeway were presented. The freeway destroyed homes in both Culver City and the Del Rey neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles, and hindered access to the Centinela Creek. The freeway also worsens air quality throughout the area due to car exhaust, and additionally adds to noise pollution and impacts water quality through polluted run-off. Furthermore, because the Eastern segment was never built, the freeway traverses a very short distance for an 8-lane highway. The daily traffic volumes prove that an 8-lane freeway is not needed for this corridor.

Recreating the freeway is the opportunity to be part of the solution to generate more affordable housing in Los Angeles, while repairing freeway construction harms of the past. Sitting on 100 acres of right-of-way, with 50 acres of concrete and steel, there is an opportunity to reimagine how the space could be used for future generations.

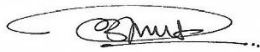
A newly created space called Marina Central Park could be constructed in place of the Marina Freeway, and could be one of the largest parks in the Los Angeles area. It would include zoning for nearly 4,000 units of new housing – including a large percentage of affordable housing – with a height limit of 4 stories, with residential above commercial units eliminating the need for many car trips to get basic day-to-day needs met. Public-Private partnerships could be studied as ways to incentivize affordable housing construction. A reimagined freeway could provide community access to much needed open space and with connected paths, jogging trails, dedicated bike path, bus-only or other possible mass transit, and dedicated lanes for limited car use. The plan could restore access to the Centinela Creek, and provide an

opportunity to re-naturalize the creek, and change it from a concrete no-man's land to a community asset that can be enjoyed by all.

At its August 10, 2023, General Board meeting the Del Rey Neighborhood Council (DRNC) approved the following motion regarding the Marina Central Park conceptual plan:

***The DRNC supports the concept of a Marina Central Park and supports a feasibility study and planning grant application to provide information on the feasibility, cost, and timeline for completion. The study must also address the feasibility of a mass transit line, public facilities, possible affordable housing and include engagement with the Del Rey Community in the creation of the plan.***

Regards,



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