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L. Sholebo, Project Coordinator
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Re: Draft EIR 2000-3577, LA Sports and Entertainment District

Dear Mr. Sholebo:

We write as Pastor and Peace Center Director of United University Church, located on Jefferson at the Hoover intersection, the north side of the USC campus. Our congregation is a diverse mix of University and neighborhood friends, and has traditionally identified with University workers who live in the immediate vicinity of the University.

We write to express my concern about how the proposed project will affect our community members, particularly low-income people of color who engage in our church programs. They already suffer negatively from current operations, especially the ongoing elimination of affordable housing and increased traffic, with its attendant rise in air and noise pollution. We believe these friends bear the heaviest environmental and economic burdens of all those affected.

We also believe that the proposed project expansion will even more negatively affect our neighbors and members—especially the loss of affordable housing. And we are especially concerned about the lack of an environmental energy analysis in the draft EIR and possible violation of air pollution and water quality regulations.

On behalf of our community, we request that you address these concerns in writing and public publication, providing materials in both English and Spanish for all to see.

We know we share with you a commitment to addressing the needs of all members in the community, but first, the needs of those who are the poorest and have the most to lose.

Yours in faith,

Susan Halcomb Craig, Pastor

Rev. Bear Ride, Peace Center Director

CC: Figueroa Corridor Coalition for Economic Justice