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Cory Zelmer
Deputy Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO)
One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-22-6
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Aerial Rapid Transit Project DEIR Comment

Dear Mr. Zelmer:

I am writing to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) that Metro released on the Aerial Rapid Transit Project. Specially, I am informing Metro that the properties at 901 and 903 North Main Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012 (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 5408-008-909) are owned by the City of Los Angeles (City) and were approved for mixed use development -- affordable housing and services -- by the Mayor and City Council in August 2019 (Council File Number: 18-0930).

The Los Angeles Housing Department currently has an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Friends of Homeboy, LLC, for these properties and expects to execute the Development and Disposition Agreement no later than June 2023. The plan for these sites includes, transitional housing and affordable housing with supportive services, and a community center. Because of these facts, the City does not intend to divest itself of these parcels for any use besides providing affordable housing.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. If you require additional information, please contact Assistant City Administrative Officer, Yolanda Chavez, at 213-473-7522 or Yolanda.Chavez@Lacity.org.

Sincerely,

MATTHEW W. SZABO
City Administrative Officer

cc: Mayor Karen Bass
Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, District 1
Los Angeles Housing Department