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Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson Office of Historic Resources LA City Planning 221 N. Figueroa Street, Rm 1350 LA, CA. 90012

Re: Request for Interim Control Ordinance for the University Park West/Expo Park West/Old University District Community

Dear Councilmember Harris-Dawson,

Over the last year the University Park West/Expo Park West/Old University District Community has seen a marked increase in demolitions that have resulted in the development of multi-unit apartments created exclusively for students. The developers Tripalink, Dreamscape, and others have frequently been mentioned as drivers of this trend. As you know, this area, bordered by Jefferson and Exposition Boulevards, and Vermont and Western Avenues, has no HPOZ or CPIO protections. It is unconscionable to allow this area to be overrun with development that is diametrically opposed to resolving the affordable housing crisis in Los Angeles. Further, the alteration of a community must be contemplated and completed in a manner which adds significant and meaningful value for both current and future residents.

To this end, the Empowerment Congress North Area Development Council met on Thursday, February 13, 2020 and voted 13-0-0 to request an immediate Interim Control Ordinance (ICO), (Agenda Item VII, (c)) with the following provisions:

- (1) A cessation in further development for the next 12 months;
- (2) That all proposed developments be routed through your office for approval prior to starting any demolition and/or construction; and





(3) That the area be designated a Community Plan Overlay Implementation District or a Specific Plan so that the character of the community can be preserved and new density can be managed more efficiently.

Councilmember Harris-Dawson, we call on you to stand in solidarity with ECNANDC, and many residents of the community outlined, and give this your serious and thorough consideration and make this ICO an immediate reality for this community.

Sincerely,

Ms. Thryeris Mason

President

Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council

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