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April 3, 2025

Supervisor Janice Hahn
500 W. Temple Street
Room 822
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

Dear Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Hahn,

On behalf of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber), representing nearly 900 businesses, I am writing to express our support for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC) Project Alternatives and goals of the STC4All Coalition that include a direct, on-campus station at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a seamless connection to the Metro Purple (D) Line in Westwood Village

We urge Metro to select an alternative that maximizes equity and ensures accessibility. Metro's ridership projections clearly show that the alternatives with the highest use include a direct stop at the UCLA campus and seamless connection to the D line. A UCLA station is projected to be the busiest non-transfer station in Metro's network when it opens. To motivate people to consider using public transit instead of their vehicles, the future STC needs to go directly to the destinations where the overwhelming majority of people are heading while limiting transfers. Public transit is more appealing to commuters when: there is no need to transfer, it is affordable, and it is fast.

Selecting an alternative that includes an on-campus station at UCLA and a seamless connection to the D Line is key to ensuring Metro can achieve all the goals of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. The ridership projections of approximately 120,000 boardings per day for several of the alternatives demonstrate this is a project with the potential to transform our region by providing fast and reliable transportation for Angelenos and visitors. The alternatives including an on-campus station at UCLA will provide what our region desperately needs – effective and accessible public transit in one of the most congested corridors in the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Harris".

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