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Mayor George Chen
City of Torrance
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503

Subject: Support for the Green Line Extension to Torrance Project

Dear Mayor George Chen,

Connection is something every human on this planet strives for. A deep bond that is formed between people and communities to make them feel seen and valued, giving a sense of belonging. The extension of the Metro C-Line will connect individuals, families, communities, and businesses. There are many benefits to this extension besides connecting communities and businesses. It will build thriving communities, create jobs, ease traffic congestion, and promote a cleaner environment.

The Metro C line (Green) Extension project according to the August 14, 2023, C line extension to Torrance Project update by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority would reduce 49,000 vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per day resulting in a reduction of about 2,370 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year in 2042. With reduction of VMT and carbon emissions the C Line will provide a reliable and convenient alternative to driving, alleviating traffic congestion, and save travel time for people accessing businesses, schools, and jobs in the surrounding communities. This is something that has been an issue for Torrance since the mid 1950's. These reductions will help our community reach our Climate change goals. Not only will the C line better out community emissions and air quality, but it will also support the community and surrounding cities with opportunities.

The construction of the C line will provide jobs and opportunities for surrounding business providing economic growth. The project is expected to support 65,000 jobs by 2042 according to Torrance transit Planning Manager David March. The extension allows for businesses to grow with more foot traffic and easier access to big and small businesses in Torrance and surrounding cities and connecting the South Bay in ways that are constrained by today's congestion on local roads.





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In a recent poll by a market research firm on the C Line (Green) 670 residents were randomly selected to receive phone calls across Torrance, Redondo Beach, and Lawndale. The survey revealed that 60% of residents are familiar with the project and 67% are supportive of the extension of the C Line (Green) and 8% of the residents surveyed in all three cities opposed the project. The community wants growth. The community wants jobs. The community wants better.

The Metro C Line (Green) extension project has many benefits to the economic growth of the south bay. It will create jobs, ease traffic congestion, allow businesses to thrive and promote a better and cleaner environment. The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce supports the C Line and the growth of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Donna Duperron,
President and CEO

