

Communication from Public

Name: Ash Stone

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Comments for Public Posting: The upgrade of convention center is very important to future growth and improvement of DTLA which is still recovering from the pandemic.. I fully support this effort.

Communication from Public

Name: Heera Kapoor

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the expansion of the LA Convention Center because it will boost our local economy by attracting larger events, increasing tourism, and creating more jobs. This project also presents an opportunity to enhance public spaces and infrastructure in Downtown LA for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

Communication from Public

Name: Cassy Horton, DTLA Residents Association

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Economic Development and Jobs Committee Members Jurado, Soto-Martinez, Price, Park, and Nazarian, On behalf of the Board of the DTLA Residents Association (DTLA), the South Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) and 378 DTLA co-signed residents, employees, businesses, and stakeholders, I'm writing to urge you to vote YES to support the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) expansion today. This is a once-in-a-generation and timely opportunity to support our DTLA neighborhood and local small businesses, generate tax revenue to subsidize the citywide services we desperately need, and to create good local jobs. At a moment of budget doom-and-gloom, this opportunity represents the kind of forward-facing innovation and vision for Downtown and Los Angeles that we need to retain and inspire new investment in our community. As the residents of the neighborhood that will be most directly and permanently affected by the decision to proceed with the convention center expansion, we ask you to stand with us by casting a YES vote. We stand ready to partner as a community to ensure that this transformational project is a DTLA success that you can be proud of. Please see our letter of support attached. We hope you will vote YES with our community today and advocate to the full council for its support of this critical neighborhood project. Sincerely, Cassy Horton Board Member DTLA Residents Association (DTLA RA)



Updated: April 8, 2025

Dear Economic Development and Jobs Committee Members,

The Downtown Los Angeles Residents Association (“DTLA RA”) is a grassroots advocacy group for residents, by residents. Our mission is to create a connected, caring, and civically engaged urban community that inspires new and existing residents to make DTLA their long-term home. We currently represent more than 2,000 DTLA stakeholders.

DTLA RA strongly supports the proposed expansion of the Los Angeles Convention Center (“LACC”), which is a once-in-a-general opportunity to invest in the long-term success of our neighborhood in a way that supports the entire District and City. **We ask you to be a champion for our neighborhood and vote YES in support of this project.**

Since the pandemic, DTLA has struggled to regain quality of life for residents largely because of reduced foot traffic and closed businesses. There is no other viable project in Los Angeles with the revenue-generating and DTLA revitalization potential of the Convention Center update. This is how cities address the Downtown challenges our neighborhood faces in this moment.

The LACC expansion would amplify what residents love about DTLA, and directly address their current concerns. When we survey DTLA residents, 72% of them say that the #1 thing they love about living in Downtown is proximity to restaurants, bars, coffee shops and outdoor dining – neighborhood amenities that depend on the convention center success. When we ask Downtowners what they consider to be the greatest current challenges in DTLA, top responses are slow economic recovery and unsafe conditions, which are directly combated by increasing convention foot traffic in DTLA.

The LACC expansion will not only be a lifeline for small businesses in Downtown, but will also help kickstart our city’s economic engine at a time when decades of under-investment in revenue generation led us to this financial crisis.The proposed LACC expansion would provide over **7,400 union construction jobs** and create over **2,000 permanent jobs—the majority of them union—** in our neighborhood.¹ The LACC expansion is estimated to help bring over \$165MM in visitor spending each year, an increase of \$30 million (\$570 million over 30 years) to the city’s general fund tax revenue.² This spending will not be contained to the building itself, but have positive

¹ <https://latourismorg.app.box.com/s/8n7xsywptpexaelc27ylhu1eplsg13ab>

² <https://meetings.skift.com/2024/07/03/la-convention-center-expansion-approved-ahead-of-2028-olympics/>

ripple effects throughout our community and specifically your District, which is dependent on direct and indirect spending from the LACC. **Local business owners and residents throughout DTLA – who are often one and the same – tell us that their best business days are consistently when a convention is in town.**

No other neighborhood in the City’s success is as dependent upon the convention center project as our neighborhood is, so your YES vote is your opportunity to be our voice and to show residents that you fight for our Community’s success. Your votes will set a precedent for the rest of the Council. We need your YES vote for DTLA’s long-term success.

We urge you to be a champion for residents, a champion for DTLA, and to vote YES vote to support the Los Angeles Convention Center project.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to discuss this matter from a resident lens before your upcoming decisions on this neighborhood-critical project.

Sincerely,

**Cassy Horton and Leslie Ridings
DTLA RA Co-Founders and Board Members**

**on behalf of the entire DTLA RA Board of Directors and the 378 undersigned
DTLA residents, business owners, employees, and stakeholders**

**Michael Allan Fraser
Gabriella Barbosa
Samir Bitar
Trelynd Bradley
Farah Casis
Teresa Y. Hillery, Esq.
Lily Rosenberg
Marc Sinott
Ricardo Sebastián
Noemi Targoda
Rodney Stone**

**DTLA Residents Association x South Park Neighborhood Association
 April 2025 Petition: Call to Support the LACC Expansion and Renovation
 378 Downtown signatories signed on to support in less than 72 hours**

First Name	Last Name	DTLA Neighborhood	Additional Public Comment
Abdulkamal	Abdullahi	South Park	
Cheri	Adams	South Park	
Tatheer	Adnan	Skid Row	
Leonel	Aguilar	Historic Core	
Gabriela	Aguilera	South Park	
Lawrence	Aldava	Financial District	The convention center is a critical driver of economic investment in downtown L.A. It supports countless jobs and is important to the all the neighborhoods that comprises the Downtown area. Expanding and modernizing the facilities are key to its long term viability and supporting continued growth in downtown that benefits all businesses and residents.
Darrell	Alexander	City Center West	
Lori	Aliksanian	South Park	
René	Almaraz	Fashion District	
Oliver	Alpuche	South Park	
Lauren	Alvarez	Arts District	
Peter	Aquinde	Little Tokyo	The Convention Center is outmoded and we're losing business to other facilities.

Lori	Arikawa	Bunker Hill	To bring people to downtown and keep businesses open and the city clean.
Kirsten	Asplin	Non resident	
Edward	Avila	City Center West	We need it to create more job opportunities and creating the DTLA culture and community back to what it was
Victoria	BadmusWellington	Financial District	1) The negative impact the current administration has had on US tourism and world relations makes this project more impt than ever in an effort to promote Los Angeles attract new businesses, increase employment and generate revenue. 2) With the Olympics coming in 2028, DTLA cannot afford ANYMORE cuts to the budget and should be a priority!
Shemma	Bae	Bunker Hill	
Merlin	Balderas	City Center West	we need to invest into our DTLA community. we have seen business lost and events going to other cities because the Los Angeles convention center is outdated and safety around the neighborhood is bad. we need to the expansion to create jobs for our community, bringing business back to DTLA and supporting our DTLA community. let's bring back the liveness that DTLA had and bring it back!
Eric	Banes	South Park	Make DTLA a destination for conventions and conferences.
Gabriella	Barbosa	Historic Core	
Alison	Barbu	Historic Core	We need to take every opportunity to be the city that outside visitors expect us to be if we want to continue to support growth and development for our neighborhood.
Hussam	Bard	Historic Core	
Patricia	Barrett	South Park	
Kara	Bartelt	Fashion District	

Ben	Bass	South Park	The growth and revitalization of DTLA is critical for the success and wellbeing of our community. Expanding the convention center will bring more jobs, more visitors and more residents to DTLA.
Hal	Bastian	Historic Core	We need this project to be competitive
Jonathon	Bauer	City Center West	
Sandra	Betz	Financial District	DTLA is a historic part of Los Angeles and we can't abandon her.
Sidd	Bikkannavar	Historic Core	
Derek	Bishe	Historic Core	Downtown is fast growing and vibrant - one of the most walkable places to live in all of Los Angeles, and the key to growth and new housing being built in this city. The LA Convention Center is an integral community center that stimulates the entire city and the downtown neighborhood and needs our support. Downtown Los Angeles is one of the few places in Los Angeles where the residents enthusiastically encourage building and development - so please build and develop our backyards! We WANT more people coming to our neighborhood, from all over! The people who choose this our their home LOVE to have the streets full!
Peter Thomas	Black	Historic Core	Now is the time to make smart investments in the community for the long term and conference business is good business.
Massel	Bostan	South Park	The city must continue to grow and build opportunities for local businesses to gain traffic through the tourism brought on by events and expositions. Countless downtown businesses rely on the events hosted by the convention center and providing more events and supporting more variety of events will bring more people to the local businesses.
Trelynd	Bradley	Financial District	
Courtney	Branch	South Park	

Christian	Brosius	South Park	
Lauren	Brown	Boyle Heights	
Makena	Buchanan	Arts District	
Jaime	Bueno Marcos	South Park	DTLA is the center of our city. I hear leaders tout the greatness of the city often and when I host visitors from other places they are shocked by the lack of attention DTLA receives and the many problems it has. If leaders want to have their words of perception be a reality, they would be wise to invest in the convention center, but then also support the rest of DTLA to thrive. LA Live was the beginning of a revitalization and it only makes sense to upgrade the convention center as a next step to support local business, residents, and welcome visitors. Improve the convention center and use that improvement as an economic engine for all of DTLA. If this opportunity is ignored, many of us may finally give up on the huge promise that is DTLA due to lack of action
Eric	Bullard	South Park	
Sandra	Burns	Bunker Hill	
Rudy	Camacho	South Park	We need to invest in our downtown at all costs. We need it to be better and become safer. The more we invest the more desirable it will be.
Jasmyn	Cano	South Park	Investing in LA is vital! This would greatly help build jobs and opportunities in our community, we cannot afford to miss this!
Felipe	Carbonell	South Park	
Farah	Casis	Historic Core	Brings a lot more business to the local economy, including offsite events, tourism and business opportunities

Gina	Chamberlain	South Park	The expansion will drive more traffic and hence more revenue to the area. We need make DTLA feel like even more of a central location than it is now. This will absolutely help!
Cecilia	Chandler	City Center West	The DTLA neighborhood is the most densely populated and is essential for the cultural and government happenings of the city. The city must do more to invest in our neighborhood's health, growth and economic vibrancy.
Craig	Charne	LA LIVE	
Celine	Chen	South Park	Clean up DTLA, invest in new architecture and infrastructure, prevent homeless and mentally ill folks from loitering and dirtying public spaces.
michael	chen	South Park	
Andrew	Chiu	Little Tokyo	
Steve	Choe	South Park	
jacqui.cikra@gmail.com	Cikra	South Park	We need the travel into DTLA! Fill our hotels and make DTLA what it was turning into, DTLA was starting to be a wonderful place to visit!
lydia	clarke	Historic Core	
John	Cleveland	Glendale	
Cynthia	Clemons	Mid City	
Samuel	Collins	N/a	This will bring money into dtla and improve security on the streets
Brandye	Combs	South Park	
Omar	Conde	Koreatown	
Francisco	Contreras	Historic Core	
Kevin	Corbett	Financial District	Bring tourism commerce to DTLA.
Mauricio	Cordero	Historic Core	

Rebecca	Couch	South Park	
Alyssa	Courtney	L.A. LIVE	
Kimberly	Creighton	Fashion District	The expansion of the convention center will enable additional business growth in DTLA
Brandon	Cruz	Historic Core	These conventions bring huge revenue to our city. Restaurants, bars, tourism all benefit from having a world class convention center!
Kim	Culioli Bueno	South Park	We need the expansion to get DTLA back on track. Bringing more jobs, more events, so more people in hotels and restaurants. And hopefully this will push to finalize Oceanwide
Daniel	Curnow	Center City East	
Alivia	Dandrea	South Park	
Alice	Dangerfield	Historic Core	
Abrey	Daniel	South Park	We need to increase the foot traffic in DTLA to keep our local businesses alive. This is so important in the Southpark District.
David	Dapper	South Park	Key to economic growth in DTLA and the entire City.
Lindsey	Darnell	South Park	
marissa	david	Bunker Hill	
Maria	De Guzman Howland	South Park	
Diana	De la Torre	Fashion District	
Thomas	De Simone	Financial District	
Nate	Dehnert	Historic Core	
Natalie	Del Real	Financial District	
Susan	DesCombes	Historic Core	

Gordon	DesCombes	Historic Core	
Donna	Dietterick	Financial District	I want to see change and DTLA revitalization
Miguel	Diez Aznar	Fashion District	
Evro-Nicole	Dimitrius	South Park	
Greg	Dina	Arts District	
Shay	Dingfelder	Financial District	
Daniel	Doody	South Park	
Mario	Duarte	Financial District	Los Angeles deserves a Convention Center that is as magnificent as this city is.
Chanir	Duque	Financial District	
Sara	Eastwood	South Park	
Vyki	Englert	Bunker Hill	
Scott	Epstein	South Park	
Manny	Escoto	Arts District	I support the expansion of the convention center because it can significantly boost the local economy, create jobs, and attract large-scale events that will draw tourists and business professionals. A larger convention center would provide more space for conferences, trade shows, and conventions, leading to increased hotel bookings, restaurant visits, and other tourism-related activities. It can also help elevate the city's status as a key destination for both business and leisure travel, further promoting economic growth. Additionally, the expanded convention center could host a wider range of events, offering more opportunities for local businesses to engage with a diverse audience and build partnerships. Expanding this facility would ultimately support a more vibrant, sustainable economy in the area.

James	Fastiggi	South Park	I support the expansion because it will help downtown grow to its full potential. All businesses thrive when there is people from out of town staying and spending in DTLA.
Daniel	Fehder	Financial District	
Enrique	Felix	South Park	
David	Fenn	Historic Core	LA needs this investment to make sure we stop missing out on conventions to neighbors like San Diego
Marla	Fernandez	South Park	
Jackie	Fernandez	Fashion District	
Cinnia	Finfer	Financial District	
Darcy	Fleck	South Park	
Minerva	Flores	Lincoln Heights	
Mike	Foley	South Park	I believe it is important to continue to leverage Downtown's valuable existing infrastructure. More bodies Downtown will help drive more business, which drives more people wanting to live hear. It's a virtuous cycle for the area.
Ninoosh	Foroughinia	Arts District	
James	Frain	Arts District	
Liz	Franco	South Park	
Michael	Fraser	Historic Core	
David	Freid	Bunker Hill	
Dennis	Fried	South Park	

Joyce	Fried	South Park	This is a "must do" project that is too long overdue. If LA is to compete with the best a city has to offer and build it's reputation as a world class convention destination than you must vote to move forward on this project. Now is the time to make a difference for all of Los Angeles.
Evan	Fujii	Bunker Hill	My small business depends on the economy of DTLA!
Kevin	Fulton	Chinatown	
Danielle	Garrison	Historic Core	
Ben	Gary	Fashion District	
Johanna	Gavard	Fashion District	
Kirk	Gaw	Historic Core	Improve jobs / community
Lawrence	Gentilucci	South Park	Add's jobs to DTLA. Will support surrounding businesses in the area. Bring tourism to DTLA.
Eloi	Gerard	Historic Core	
Mathieu	Giraud	Historic Core	To bring business back to our struggling downtown
Roxanna	Godinez	Bunker Hill	
Susie	Goldberg	South Park	
Marty	Goldberg	South Park	
Hector	Gonzalez	South Park	
David	Gordon	South Park	
Ian	Grady	Historic Core	
Terrence	Graham	Historic Core	Jobs in downtown and customers for downtown restaurants
Yen	Graney	South Park	Support our community, grow and beautify DTLA. Make it safe as well

Josh	Gray-Emmer	Historic Core	The MUST happen for the good of our whole city!! We need the tax revenue this will generate now, more than ever! It's supported by union labor, residents and businesses, PLEASE support the Convention Center expansion.
Joseph	Green	Fashion District	
Chelsea	Greenway	Historic Core	
Sebastiaan	Gregoir	Historic Core	DTLA needs to be the 'heart' of Los Angeles again, and that will need the necessary attention and investments. Investing in the Convention Center will have a knock on effect and attract small business or make existing ones thrive. More foot traffic will led to cleaner and safer streets.
Nick	Griffin	Financial District	A world-class convention center is key to DTLA's recovery and revitalization, which is key to the future of Los Angeles
Glenn	Gritzner	Fashion District	
Tom	Grode	Skid Row	
Raul	Gutierrez	South Park	It would be amazing for all the community bringing more business
Michael	Guzman	Little Tokyo	
Betty	Hallock	Historic Core	Modernizing the Convention Center will help bring back downtown and drive a positive economic multiplier effect that benefits the entire city of LA..
Jade	Hamilton	South Park	
Robert	Harbour	South Park	
ALLAN	HARRIS	Historic Core	
David	Hartle	South Park	
Matthew	Harvill	South Park	

Benny	Hau	Financial District	DTLA desperately needs a boost especially with the devastation to its businesses post COVID and the mismanaged homeless population in our area
Klaus	Havelund	Historic Core	It is really important to make DTLA a strong center of LA, just like any other international city. DTLA is on crutches.
Alisha	Henderson	Bunker Hill	I just attended the AWP conference at the Convention Center at the end of March 2025 and was surprised that it was so dated, especially for such a major and global city like LA. As big as it seemed on the outside, it felt small on the inside. Everything from the furnishings to the layout needs to be modernized. The indoor food court area is tiny and needs to be expanded. LA culture and history needs to be reflected throughout the center and in the outdoor spaces. The outdoor spaces should include better seating and better places to gather. More green spaces and art installations by local artists. The convention center should be photo worthy to keep up with current marketing techniques and social media. Current technology should be part of all aspects of the convention center. If I was part of the AWP conference planning committee, I would not recommend a return to LA for future conferences.
Cindy	Hernandez	South Park	
Sumiko	Higashi	Little Tokyo	We need to attract businesses.
Teresa Y	Hillery	South Park	
Mary	Hillier	Bunker Hill	The City Council needs to support the people who need the work, improve the neighborhood, and provide downtown Los Angeles with first class events that the convention center can offer if it is renovated and expanded. This is critical to the people who live, work, and play in downtown.
Richard	Hillier	Bunker Hill	To keep DTLA vibrant and current.

Nicole	Hinds	South Park	We care so deeply and love living in DTLA! Please help us support the neighborhood with more economic investment. We want DTLA to be a safe, walkable, and diverse neighborhood. We need funding!!!
Tony	Hoang	Historic Core	
Dylan	Holst	South Park	
Diego	Holst	South Park	
Anthony	Hoover	Historic Core	We need it for more visitors to support local businesses and more tax dollars in the community.
Cassy	Horton	Financial District	
Adam	Hostetler	Bunker Hill	For LA to succeed, Downtown LA needs to become a functional downtown with active and walkable streets, small-scale retail frontages, bring in new residents, and support residents spending money where they live.
Ling	Hung	Historic Core	
Yuri	Huxley	Historic Core	It's important for the economy of the city to maintain and upgrade existing places of business to spur on tourism and commerce
Asra	Iftekar	South Park	Our convention center is so old and out of date it's embarrassing. Every city outside of Los Angeles has an upgraded convention center. We need improvement.
Holger	Irmler	South Park	
Queenie	Ito	South Park	Invest in us, our community, and our city!!!!
Andrey	Ivannikov	South Park	Please invest in the Convention Center expansion. DTLA would benefit greatly from the added business volume.
Tomoko	Iwakawa	South Park	
Elizabeth	Jacobi	Historic Core	

Arielle	Jennings	Little Tokyo	
Magen	Jennings	Little Tokyo	I have enjoyed many conventions at the LA convention center. As my family has expanded it continues to be a great venue all members can enjoy. It is a cornerstone of DTLA. Whenever there is an event there I have no hesitations in participating because I know it will be a quality event.
Young	Johnson	Bunker Hill	The upgrade will help elevate our property values
Cheryl	Johnson	South Park	The convention center expansion is critical to the downtown neighborhood. It promotes business opportunities, keeps the economy of downtown strong, and brings vitality to the area. We need to make sure the convention center stays modern, relevant, and active. Investing in this critical infrastructure is essential.
Kori	Joneson	South Park	
James	Kane	Bunker Hill	Economic Development of small business essential to the health and welfare of the downtown of the second largest city in the country
Corrine	Kane	Bunker Hill	
Inah	Kang	Historic Core	
Heera	Kapoor	Historic Core	I support the expansion of the LA Convention Center because it will boost our local economy by attracting larger events, increasing tourism, and creating more jobs. This project also presents an opportunity to enhance public spaces and infrastructure in Downtown LA for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.
Mary	Kelley	Koreatown	
Stephen	Kerr	South Park	I travel for a lot of tech conferences. None of them are hosted in LA. We need a modern massive convention center to bring life and commerce back to LA.

Gary	Khachatryan	South Park	
Sam	Khatibi	Arts District	
Jeehye	Kim	South Park	
John	Kim	Historic Core	
Spencer	Kimes	Financial District	We NEED to activate downtown Los Angeles for Los Angeles to thrive
Justin	Koch	LA LIVE	
Elsa	Koss	Historic Core	
Mathew	Krogen	Koreatown	Dtla needs to continue to be invested in to ensure it's prosperity and future growth
Kevin	Krotzer	Financial District	We need to attract more businesses and offer more events.
Mae	Ladasoonthorn	South Park	
Albert	Lalicker	South Park	
Andrea	Landa	South Park	Downtown should be a bustling center but instead it's empty store fronts.
Mario	Lara	South Park	Downtown is the heart of los angeles, and where the most business revenue exists in all california. This is vital for not only downtown, but the city of Los Angeles. We need to bring more business and foot traffic and paying customers to downtown and los angeles in general
Bishop	Lawson	South Park	
Michael	Le	Little Tokyo	Investing in downtown is a good way for higher city tax revenue.
Anel	Ledezma	Fashion District	

René	Ledezma	Fashion District	It is imperative for the livelihood of DTLA businesses that LA is seen as a world class conference destination. We need more repeat business in DTLA to be able to have more businesses thrive.
Ron	Ledwin	South Park	
Daniel	Lee	Financial District	
Kenneth	Lee	Historic Core	
Malcolm	lee	South Park	Dtla hasn't really recovered since Covid, and the convention expansion would breathe new life into the area
Adam	Lewis	South Park	We need to continue to revitalize DTLA
J. Anthony	Leymore	Historic Core	
Jen	Linck	Financial District	
Phil	Lobel	South Park	Convention Center upgrades are LONG OVERDUE!
Michael	Lopez	South Park	Bringing business and conventions back to DTLA
Josh	Loucks	Fashion District	
Patricia	Louis	South Park	To bring more foot traffic and excitement to DTLA.
Amy	Luftig	Historic Core	
Stephan	MacDonald	Bunker Hill	DTLA has the potential to become a world class downtown city! We must do everything we can to make it happen!
David	Madeo	Historic Core	
Melissa	Manousos	Historic Core	Los Angeles is falling behind. We should be a leading example of what a thriving urban area looks like - Downtown especially. But the lack of foresight and forward thinking is causing our infrastructure to become outdated and our city to fall apart. You have the power to change this!
Nolan	Marshall	South Park	

Jesus	Martinez	South Park	Assist with business development in DTLA
Derek	Mazzeo	Historic Core	
Joan	McLane	Financial District	We need to bring all the business we can into the downtown LA area.
Logan	McMasters	Historic Core	Downtown needs business now more than ever! Give us all a helping hand and support bringing the convention center into the 21st century.
Ryan	McNeely	Fashion District	It's so important to revitalize the downtown area. It felt so promising prior to the pandemic and has felt so disheartening since. Please, let's do everything we can to bring back life and tourism to the center of our city.
Marisol	Medina	Historic Core	
Joecelyn	Mendez	South Park	
Caroline	Miller	Historic Core	
Alexa	Moe	Chinatown	
Kristine	Moe	Historic Core	
Scott	Moe	Historic Core	we want to make DTLA a more vibrant and beautiful neighborhood.
Roberto	Molina	Historic Core	
Patty	Monroy	Arts District	
Deborah	Mora	Bunker Hill	
Mark	Morales	South Park	The expansion will add much needed income to the general fund
Sigita	Moran	Chinatown	
Austin	Moreau	Arts District	
Michelle	Morehead	South Park	Thank you for organizing on this, it's so important!

Xavi	Moreno	Historic Core	This will support thousands of jobs in and around Downtown Los Angeles, from restaurants, hotels, bars to my workplace at The Los Angeles Theatre Center when one of us thrives we all thrive and we make a more livable, workable and lovable city center.
MATHIEU	Morizot	South Park	Los Angeles
Media	Moussavy	Financial District	
Paul	Murphy	Historic Core	This is critical to growth and sustaining business in DTLA. I have 30 years experience running large scale events such as E3 here in LA. That event alone brought in loads of attendees and their money to restaurants, bars, hotels and other services. Please get the convention center moving forward again and the money for all of the city services the budget was cut for will come back with force.
Craig	Muzio	Fashion District	
Lesley	Muzio	Fashion District	Because it is important for the growth in DTLA
Lisa	Napoli	Bunker Hill	Anything to breathe life into the downtown area, please. What's good for downtown is good for ALL of Los Angeles.
David	Nealy	South Park	DTLA is in desperate need of revitalization. The world is watching.
Terin	Ngo	Fashion District	DTLA needs A LOT of resources. Why would anyone want to stop the growth of the epicenter of our city? Give people a reason to come to DTLA and stay.
Yen	nguyen	South Park	
ariel	nguyen	Historic Core	
Daniel	Nguyen	South Park	
JOHN	NGUYEN	South Park	MORE JOBS

John	Nilsson	South Park	A better Convention Center means more business for DTLA
John	Nilsson	South Park	A reworked Convention Center means more income for DTLA
Dion	Noravian	South Park	This project is incredibly important not only for downtown but for the future of Los Angeles. In a time of economic uncertainty and dwindling money due to ULA and other policies, we need every dollar we can get
Brandon	Norby	LA LIVE	This is the only thing keeping LA from becoming the epicenter of economic development. Does LA want to be a thriving city or does it want to be known for a failing infrastructure with no desire to visit?
Escott	Norton	Historic Core	The Convention Center is a crucial economic driver for DTLA, and as an advocate for the Broadway Historic Theatre District I know we need to build tourism for all of Downtown. A busy Convention Center will help bring in patrons for the Historic Theatres and other Downtown businesses.
Jennifer	Nutting	Historic Core	Downtown was booming pre-2020, we need to get back there. Hotels are struggling and closing, Los Angeles is dated, and not the jewel it once was. We need to modernize the convention center. City Council is doing very little to attract and retain business, its time to act.
Paul	O'Brien	South Park	
Tamara	Ogden	Fashion District	
Clinton	Oie	Historic Core	We need as much investment in DTLA as possible to attract further business development.
Justin	Orkin	Historic Core	I want to see an expanded dense urban area. This encourages great economic potential where people can do a lot of business
Camille	Orozco	Financial District	

BellaNaomi	Ostby	Skid Row	Sometimes you have to spend money to make money, this is one of those times.
Michael	Out	South Park	Businesses have been closing. We need to bring more tourists, convention goers and visitors to South Park. Expansion of the convention center will help accomplish this.
Ryuko	Ozawa	Historic Core	
Lauren	Palazzolo	South Park	Investment in our assets that attract businesses and tourism is essential to ensuring a thriving downtown Los Angeles. The convention center is one such asset. Let's be smart and forward thinking about our investments in our community. Investing in the DTLA Convention Center will bring long term economic growth to the downtown center.
Yevgeniya	Parchelli	South Park	
Ivanna	Paredes	South Park	
Ken	Pelletier	Historic Core	
Alyssa	Perez	South Park	
federica	peruzzi	pico-union	
Craig	Peterson	Financial District	
Meredith	Petrulakis	South Park	
Lauren	Pettit	Historic Core	
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Carol	Pfannkuche	Bunker Hill	
Nicole	Potts	Sherman Oaks	
Krishna	Prasad	South Park	
Will	Proctor	South Park	
Jess	Quevedo	Fashion District	

Daniel	Quintiliano	South Park	
Reeyan	Rayned	Historic Core	
Jacob	Reed	South Park	
Evelyn	Richardson	South Park	
Marcus	Richeson	Historic Core	
Andrew	Rico	South Park	More \$ for the city
Mary	Riggs	Bunker Hill	
Athena	Riley	Financial District	It brings tourism and business to downtown keeping the area vibrant and businesses busy.
Jennifer	Rivas	Financial District	
David	Roachford	Arts District	
Scott	Robertson	Historic Core	Own a Loft and business in DTLA
Michael	Robleto	South Park	
Michael	Rodarte	South Park	Conventions bring people to LA and inspire them to come back and bring their family. Hundreds of thousands of tax dollars, jobs, and people rely on business coming to LA specifically for the convention center. With Las Vegas stealing most cities conventions we need to have a world class center to attract them back.
Richard	Rodriguez	South Park	Please help us build our neighborhood and DTLA in general by approving this expansion/ renovation.
Manny	Rojas	South Park	
Coach	Ron	Historic Core	We need more work/jobs asap
Lily	Rosenberg	Financial District	
Steve	Rossoblu	Fashion District	If restaurants are to survive and continue fostering community and employing people, we need the revenue that conventions bring into DTLA

TERRY	RUBINROIT	South Park	Los Angeles
Edgar	Ruiz Diaz	South Park	
Michael	Saltzman	South Park	
Dina	Samson	Fashion District	If restaurants are to survive and continue fostering community and employing people, we need the revenue that conventions bring into DTLA
Joshua	Sanchez	South Park	Downtown Los Angeles needs more development.
Kyley	Sanford	Historic Core	We have so many tourist all the time. DTLA needs to be prepared for LA28. Let's show the world what it's like to live in the City of Angels.
Priscilla	Santoli	South Park	LA has so much happening and is on the economic rise. With the olympics around the corner, more expansion is necessary to make DTLA the happening place.
Martin	Santos	Financial District	
Amber	Santos	Financial District	Continue to bring the life back to DTLA!
Luc	Sasseville	South Park	
Sarah	Schellpeper	Financial District	
Molly	Schmidt	Historic Core	
Karin	Schneider	Fashion District	
Kayla	Scripture	Historic Core	
Sara	Sedlacek	Fashion District	Built a venue to support Conventions in at the Convention Center
Devon	Sedlacek	Historic Core	Run a Jewelry Business in DTLA
Shawn	Sedlacek	Fashion District	Built a venue to support Conventions in at the Convention Center
Daniel	Segal	South Park	

Rikki	Selby	South Park	Los it will help revitalize the area. Southpark has many empty restaurants to, businesses etc. This will increase the tax base and fill the many hotel rooms in the area.
Peter Siddarth	Selvaraj	South Park	
Sameer	Sengupta	Fashion District	I love Dtla and want to see it recover
Ms.	Shaw	South Park	
Alexis	Shettleroe	Fashion District	
Debra	Shrout	South Park	It adds vibrancy to our neighborhood, downtown, and to the LA region.
Thomas	Shrout	South Park	
Parker	Sikes	South Park	
Dan	Silver	Bunker Hill	
Susan	Simmons	Bunker Hill	I want DTLA to prosper!
Marc	Sinnott	Historic Core	Investing in a downtown convention center that is bigger, newer and nicer is not an option... it's a necessity and an expectation for a world-class city like LA! The potential uses, benefits and economic returns are undeniable. While it would require substantial public investment, this conversation is far from new. This has been part of political, financial and urban planning for years. This is not the time to roll back a widely supported, no-brainer project which would bring jobs, visitors and economic vibrancy to the city's urban core. Especially at a time when city leaders hope to push for an unprecedented wave of private development in DTLA!
Julian	Smalley	Bunker Hill	For Los Angeles to have a world-class downtown, on a par with NY or European cities
Bridget	Smith	Bunker Hill	We need to support local businesses. I see a huge uptick at local restaurants when there is a big convention in town.

Jin	Son	Historic Core	Boost local economy, jobs, and investment.
C.	Sousa	Arts District	
Mary	Stearn	Bunker Hill	
Scott	Stearns	South Park	
Ann	Stein	Historic Core	
Alison	Stolpa	Fashion District	
Rodney	Stone	Historic Core	Help bring more money into the city
Nicole	Stubbs	Fashion District	My business depends on the convention center, we are an event facility and need this to happen.
David	Stukas	Fashion District	
Nina	Suh-Toma	Historic Core	
Brent	Sullivan	Historic Core	Expanding the Convention Center signals to the world that downtown Los Angeles is a thriving economic engine—ready to host events on a global scale.
Jeffery	Sun	South Park	The convention center is essential for the vitality of downtown LA.
Sheila	Swanson	Historic Core	
Sean	Tai	Mar Vista	Los Angeles deserves a thriving downtown and this will help make it happen! While I don't live in DTLA I go there once a week for recreation including theater, film, concerts, restaurants, and clubs. I want DTLA to grow and become an even more vibrant part of our great city.
Teresa	Tan	South Park	Expansion of the convention center will jumpstart DTLA revitalization and bring more foot traffic/spend in the area.
Andrew	Taylor	Historic Core	
Abbie	Tekle	Financial District	

David	Thomas	City Center West	
Christine	Thornton	Historic Core	
Dr. Terri	Tinsley	Historic Core	Good for DTLA
Anita	To	Historic Core	Bring large conventions to dtla will help generate revenues and help local businesses.
Jennifer	Tocquigny	Bunker Hill	
Cathy	Tomiczek	Historic Core	It's time to make DTLA world class!
Anh	Tran	Historic Core	
Eddy	Traverso	Historic Core	
Katie	Tsurumi	South Park	
Irene	Tucker	Historic Core	
Dylan	Turim	South Park	
Hillary	Tzeng	South Park	
Nikki	Ueda	South Park	
Candi	Valente	South Park	As a local of Los Angeles most my life and now a resident of DTLA, I've seen the convention center degrade and the city do little to improve it. Now is our time to invest, improve, bring business and bolster more pride in LA especially given the tourism decline we're facing after the fires.
Tiago	Valente	South Park	
Steven	Vanderveer	Historic Core	
Leni	Vazquez	South Park	
Steven	Villebrun	South Park	
Corentin	Villemeur	Historic Core	

Jennifer	Vincent	Historic Core	I support all growth of DTLA and anything that brings more people here. Downtown should be thriving, not abandoned for other areas of Los Angeles. DTLA should be more like San Diego's downtown area - full of lively businesses that attract locals and tourists alike.
Jasmine	Vipani	South Park	
Molly	Wainstock	Bunker Hill	
Brooke	Walbuck	Bunker Hill	DTLA and our entire city and county need this project to finally move forward.
Bowen	Wang	South Park	As one of the nation's largest cities, our convention center and honestly downtown in general is lacking when compared to convention centers and downtowns of other large cities. As a biomedical researcher, I've heard people say that a lot of large conferences are not held in LA because our convention center is old and outdated.
crisrina	ward	South Park	Without the expansion, I will close my business after the Olympics.
Bianca	Ware	Financial District	Travel benefits everyone in the DTLA market - more jobs, more business and local travel and mostly large conventions to bring to this market! We are losing to other cities that have expanded their convention ctrs to host large conventions! This is a MUST!
Wade	Watkins	Bunker Hill	
Nancy	Watkins	Bunker Hill	
Justin	Weiss	Financial District	It's critical for DTLA to become a world class Downtown.
Chris	Whelan	Historic Core	Expansion of the convention center will benefit all business in DTLA and help fund the continued development of downtown.
Jay	Williams	Financial District	When big conventions are in town, you can feel the extra energy that brings to the neighborhood, and I think we need more of that.

Eric	Wilson	South Park	
April	Wilson	South Park	
Richard	Windisch	Historic Core	
Gary	Wise	South Park	
Andrew	Wong	Little Tokyo	
Susie	Wrenn	Fashion District	DTLA deserves some much-needed care and attention. Los Angeles is a world-class city, and keeping our downtown vibrant is essential. Investing in upgrades to the Convention Center is a crucial step toward strengthening and protecting our community.
Edmund	Xu	Chinatown	
Mohamed	Yacout	South Park	
Bijan	Yaghoobia	South Park	Downtown LA needs a boost in it's economy. Being in DTLA everyday I have seen businesses disappear and the number of customers reduced and residents abandon their properties. Time is now for City Officials to act for the Future of DTLA !!
Jan	Yonan	Historic Core	
CHERYL	YOUNGER	Historic Core	
Debby	Zhou	Financial District	
Allison	Zunich	Historic Core	

Communication from Public

Name: Carol Pfannkuche

Date Submitted: 04/08/2025 09:51 AM

Council File No: 15-1207-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Members of the City of Los Angeles Economic Development and Jobs Committee, As Executive Director of the Ketchum-Downtown YMCA and resident of Downtown Los Angeles, I urge your approval to begin construction on the Los Angeles Convention Center Expansion and Modernization Project. The community of DTLA and the entire Los Angeles region, will benefit from this investment. The YMCA is LA's oldest and largest youth and family serving not-for-profit organization, focused on healthy living, youth development and social impact; thousands of local residents are affiliated with the YMCA. Investment in the Convention Center expansion will provide economic opportunity that will help local families thrive. Please support local families with your approval of this plan. Thank you. Warmly, Carol Pfannkuche

Communication from Public

Name: Debra J Shrout

Date Submitted: 04/08/2025 09:56 AM

Council File No: 15-1207-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I live 2 blocks from LA Live/Convention Center Complex. I face Oceanwide and LA Live. My husband and I walk the LA Live/Convention Center footprint 2.5 laps 5 days a week. I see first-hand the energy conventions bring to our neighborhood, to downtown, and to our international city. I see the positive effects on the South Park neighborhood as convention-goers cram into Ideology coffee each morning or venture to Prank bar at day's end and hold a spontaneous poetry reading (that was the Writers conference last week) or the cheerleading parents who headed to Audiograph Brewery after competitions. Our neighborhood was alive and vibrant, and the businesses were booming which helps carry them through the times when visitors are not in our neighborhood. And what is good for the South Park neighborhood is also good for downtown LA and the metropolitan area as convention-goers fan out across the area. We need to do everything in our power to keep conventions in LA and grow more convention traffic. We need to invest in the LA Convention Center which benefits all of LA. Please support the expansion efforts for the people of your city.

Communication from Public

Name: CHUONG NGO

Date Submitted: 04/08/2025 10:25 AM

Council File No: 15-1207-S1

Comments for Public Posting: It is my pleasure to voice my support for the LA Convention Center Upgrade project. This work will add value to the downtown area and attract more business and visitors, especially in light of the upcoming 2028 Olympics. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Peress

Date Submitted: 04/08/2025 10:26 AM

Council File No: 15-1207-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The Convention Center is essential to LA! It brings in big money from all over the country to support the city, its residents and many other social and economic needs. This is not the correct place to cut the budget. This is a lifeline. Please reconsider.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2025 10:28 AM

Council File No: 15-1207-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the modernization and expansion of the LA Convention Center. It's essential for keeping major events in our city, boosting the local economy, and supporting downtown businesses. Let's invest in LA's future and move this project forward.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2025 10:29 AM

Council File No: 15-1207-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This project expansion and modernization is vital to this city as an international destination and its commerce.

Communication from Public

Name: Shawn Sedlacek
Date Submitted: 04/08/2025 09:59 AM
Council File No: 15-1207-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, We invested \$8,000,000 into building a worldclass venue in Downtown LA's Fashion District. The venue hosts offsite meetings and events and is targeted at projects coming to the LA Convention Center. Conferences like the LA Car Show bring clients like Toyota, BMW and Honda to our facility. The last 8 years have been rough. COVID, Homelessness, Crime, Wildfires and National Politics. About 50% of the business we had, has left Los Angeles to other locations with larger, more affordable and business friendly convention centers. The Los Angeles Convention Center is simply too small and has a challenging layout to be considered for major conferences. Los Angeles has the infrastructure, hotels, and attractions. We have the enthusiasm and resources. But without business coming to Downtown LA, we can't solve the other problems we have. Bring business back to DTLA. Please build a Convention Center we can all be proud of. Thank you for your consideration. Shawn

Communication from Public

Name: The Los Angeles Business Council

Date Submitted: 04/08/2025 10:35 AM

Council File No: 15-1207-S1

Comments for Public Posting: April 7, 2025 Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson Los Angeles City Council 200 North Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: Support for the Expansion and Modernization of the LA Convention Center (CF #15-1207-S1) Dear Council President Harris-Dawson, On behalf of the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC), a business research and advocacy organization representing more than 500 members across greater Los Angeles, I am writing in regard to Council File #15-1207-S1. The LABC wishes to express our support for Council approving negotiations with AEG Plenary Conventions Los Angeles, LLC (AEG) under the framework of the Phased Delivery Option in which construction of the Los Angeles Convention Center Expansion and Modernization Project would commence in 2025; this phased approach would ensure milestones would be achieved by the 2028 Olympic Games, with remaining work to be completed after. This approach ensures the project will move forward under current budget projections without incurring costs to the City. For more than 80 years, the LABC has harnessed the power of business, government, and community to promote progress in the Los Angeles region in the areas of transportation, housing, sustainability, and economic development. Today, our 500+ members represent business and civic leaders from all industry sectors who are focused on innovative public policy that strengthens our economy while improving quality of life for all of us. From a financial perspective, the expansion of the Convention Center is crucial for Los Angeles to remain competitive in the multibillion-dollar conference and events market. Currently, our facility ranks 22nd in size nationwide, hampering our ability to attract large-scale conventions. By providing more than 1 million square feet of exhibition space, the proposed modernization would:

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Support Downtown Recovery: Downtown Los Angeles is experiencing rising office vacancies—currently near 26%—making tourism and events increasingly critical to sustaining local businesses and revitalizing the area. By embracing the Phased Delivery Option, the City can ensure that core elements of the project are operational in time for the 2028 Olympic Games, capturing the international spotlight and maximizing potential revenues. Post-Games construction would allow for efficient use of resources without overextending City finances. We respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to proceed with this phased expansion agreement as quickly as possible. Delaying beyond 2028 would mean forgoing a prime opportunity to bolster our local economy, drive tourism, and generate much-needed tax revenue. Thank you for your leadership and for considering the LABC’s position on this vital project. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely, Mary Leslie
President Los Angeles Business Council



April 7, 2025

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Leslie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Leslie
President
Los Angeles Business Council

Communication from Public

Name: Naomi C.

Date Submitted: 04/08/2025 10:49 AM

Council File No: 15-1207-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The LA Convention Center is key to boosting the local economy and supporting downtown businesses. Please resume modernization and expansion upgrades, so it is properly equipped to host events for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Communication from Public

Name: Danica Hutchison

Date Submitted: 04/08/2025 12:41 PM

Council File No: 15-1207-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The LA Convention Center is such an important part of Los Angeles and Southern California. Restarting the upgrades would support local jobs, strengthen the regional economy, and make sure we're ready to welcome the world in 2028 for the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.