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Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Re: Support for Council Files 25-0758 and 25-0751 – Comprehensive Project Review and LADWP Inspection Processes

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

On behalf of Biocom California, I am writing to express our support for Council File 25-0758, which seeks to improve the development process through a more coordinated and streamlined review system, as well as Council File 25-0751, which directs the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to report on efforts to shorten its review and approval process.

Biocom California represents over 1,700 member organizations across the state, with offices in Sherman Oaks, South San Francisco, San Diego, and Sacramento. Our [2025 Economic Impact Report](#) highlights that the life science industry in the City of Los Angeles directly employs 31,326 individuals, with an average annual salary of \$109,379. Furthermore, the city receives \$1.1 billion annually in federal research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the industry contributes a total economic output of \$15.8 billion.

One of the most significant considerations for life science developers and companies when determining where to establish or expand operations is the predictability and efficiency of the local permitting processes. Timely, transparent, and coordinated permitting processes are essential to delivering facilities on schedule and within budget, enabling companies to focus on their core mission: researching and developing life-saving treatments and cures.

These measures would improve clarity and efficiency for life science developers and other stakeholders navigating the permitting landscape. Biocom California appreciates your attention to this issue and urges your continued support of policies that facilitate responsible growth and innovation in the life science sector.

Sincerely,

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