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To Whom It May Concern:

As you may know, the County of Los Angeles is a sprawling expanse of more than 4000 square miles with a population approaching ten million. Geography is such a factor in Southern California that we applaud and support the work of the Los Angeles Urban League (LAUL) as they launch their place-based initiative for neighborhood change.

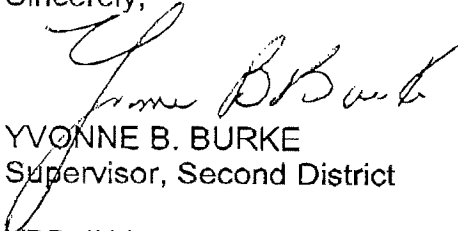
The League has identified a 70-block geography of South Los Angeles and targeted it for sweeping neighborhood revitalization project. Their goal is to work with residents of that community to improve the life of its residents by rebuilding community, managing partnerships, and being advocates for change, primarily in education and employment: . . . the core strengths of the League.

For the next five years, the LAUL will work closely with civic, business, and educational leaders and organizations to fine tune this model for change with an eye for replication in Los Angeles County and beyond. Evident in the entire effort is the commitment of the League to maintain their historic roles as advocates and leaders. We are truly excited to work very closely with the LAUL and its President and CEO, Mr. Blair Taylor, to help the people of Los Angeles County secure the knowledge and jobs they need as the twenty-first century unfolds.

The County of Los Angeles is pleased and fortunate to be among the early financial supporters of the Los Angeles Urban League as it moves forward to implement neighborhood change. My goal is to continue to seek and create avenues of cooperation between the County and the LAUL and participate in activities of mutual interest. I would like to invite you to be an active partner in supporting the LAUL and working to make this noteworthy project a model of renewal in our urban districts.

I hope that you will join me in supporting this initiative.

Sincerely,



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Supervisor, Second District

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