

DATE: February 4, 2020

TO: Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti, City Council, Board of Airport Commissioners, Department of Transportation, Department of Building and Safety, Department of Water and Power and Los Angeles World Airports

RE: Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT of Council File #19-1586
Consolidated Rent-A-Car (CONRAC) Facility / Air Pollution Reduction / Electric Vehicles Availability

Honorable Mayor, Members of the Los Angeles City Council, Airport Commissioners, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Building and Safety, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Los Angeles World Airports, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa is in support of pursuing adoption of electric vehicles (EV) in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) consolidated Rent-A-Car (ConRAC) facility will provide parking for 18,000 rental vehicles managed by over 20 rental companies renting over 1,000,000 vehicles per year. The Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa strongly supports the motion put forth by Councilmembers Koretz and Bonin regarding creation of additional EV capacity at the future ConRAC.

Recent studies estimate that electric vehicles will be cheaper to buy than comparable gas vehicles by 2025. With only 200 electric vehicle charging stations currently planned, ConRAC would not be able to support the anticipated ratio of electric vehicles in service by 2025. Building in electrical infrastructure now to support future EV charging is as much as 50% cheaper than retrofitting years later. Now is the time to assess the feasibility and requirements to support a capacity of 80% EVs by 2024.

If feasible and practicable, the positive impact to air quality, fast charging station availability, and reduction in noise pollution in and around Westchester and Playa Del Rey would be significant. By completing the requested assessments, our community would also have a much better understanding of the impacts of these 1,000,000 vehicle rentals per year entering and leaving our neighborhoods.

Sincerely, Paula Gerez, President, Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa

CC: Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz, Office of Councilmember Mike Bonin