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**Metropolitan Transit Authority
Mr. Phillip Washington, CEO
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Subject: Letter of support for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Project Labor Agreement (PLA), Construction Careers Policy (CCP) and Joint Development (JD) Policy.

The Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council (LA/OC BCTC) is pleased to support Metro's Project Labor Agreement (PLA), Construction Careers Policy (CCP) and Joint Development (JD) Policy as amended. These programs are critical to serving the disadvantaged and historically underutilized communities with training and employment opportunities by way of construction careers.

Metro's program goals of 40% Targeted Workers, 20% Apprentice workers and 10% Disadvantaged workers that was adopted in January 2012 was not only aggressive, but it has set the benchmark for similar economic uplift programs in the nation. The LA/OCBCTC is proud to have played an important role in Metro successfully attaining its program goals of the PLA and CCP over the last five years and looks forward to continuing these efforts.

The LA/OC BCTC provides the necessary training to ensure skilled workers are provided to support Metro's construction infrastructure program and can be used to place workers in construction careers. The amendments proposed in the PLA/CCP renewal agreement will strengthen the efforts that currently exist to provide efficient and effective service to participants of the program. Some of these agreed upon efforts include informing boot camp applicants of the entrance requirements and creating opportunity for recruitment and placement services to graduates of boot camps.

The LA/OC BCTC supports the amendments proposed for the PLA/CCP, and JD policy, and looks forward to collaborating with Metro to increase its successes with the PLA/CCP and JD polices over the next ten (10) years.

Respectfully,

Ron Miller
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