

April XX, 2021

The Honorable Henry Stern
California State Capitol
Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Funding Allocation Request of \$8 Million for the Establishment of Programs Associated with the Warner Center Transportation Technology Innovation Zone Initiative.

Dear Senator Stern,

The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council is proud to support the funding request put forth by the Warner Center Association (WCA), in consultation with the City of Los Angeles Mayor, Eric Garcetti, and the Urban Movement Labs (UML). We support the request for consideration of a one-time, \$8 million funding allocation to initiate the Warner Center Transportation Technology Innovation Zone (TTIZ). Warner Center is a mixed-use Regional Center (as designated in the City of Los Angeles General Plan), that encompasses well over one thousand acres, has over 14,900 residents and prior to the COVID-19 pandemic housed over 44,000 jobs. Warner Center is located in the Southwest San Fernando Valley, in the community of Woodland Hills in the City of Los Angeles.

In November 2020, Los Angeles City Council, with Mayor Eric Garcetti, announced Warner Center's designation as Los Angeles' first ever Transportation Technology Innovation Zone. An area where innovators can test their transportation technology solutions in the heart of a bustling mixed-use community and locate their businesses in the San Fernando Valley's premier regional center.

Funding to jump start the implementation of the Warner Center TTIZ will be a key element to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic which has so severely impacted our community. The \$8 million being sought will fund four technology and transportation enhancements that will produce jobs and position Warner Center, the San Fernando Valley's most important housing and jobs rich regional hub, as a forward looking center for transportation technologies. To that end, we support the request for funding to implement a public WIFI program, to start a transportation technology accelerator, to provide seed money for innovative transportation solutions to provide services in Warner Center, and to study the existing infrastructure to determine what additional infrastructure is necessary to accommodate next generation transportation technologies such as Autonomous Vehicles.

These four programs represent the first steps towards the realization of the Warner Center TTIZ, and we are pleased to support this important Project. Please feel free to reach me at XXXXXX if you would like to discuss this matter further or if I might be able to address any questions.