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To: The City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles City Council  
CC: Los Angeles County, Metro

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Metro has the potential to dramatically increase the amount of affordable housing in North Hollywood with the District NoHo joint development at the Red Line/Orange Line transit center. Unfortunately, the current design sets aside just 20% of the residential units for affordable housing [ ½ PSH, ½ affordable] ignoring the stated goals of Metro, the City and the County to redress harms of the past and to address the severe crisis of housing affordability for lower income working people and transit riders in our community. We call on Metro to do better and ReImagine District NoHo to prioritize affordable housing over market rate housing.

District NoHo will be built on 16 acres of our public land in North Hollywood. But under the current residential plan, 80% of the units will be leased at market rates, unaffordable to all but the top 20% of the community. Additionally, low income families living in the affordable units will be segregated from the other residents. This is an unacceptable use of public land in a city with a shortage of hundreds of thousands of affordable rental units and a long history of housing segregation.

We are in a different environment from when this project was initiated [though even then the goal was 35% affordable]. The NoHo Neighborhood Council calls on Metro to meet this moment with leadership and vision and ReImagine District NoHo to create bold mixed-income housing in North Hollywood that will serve the needs of the community today and in the future.

Thank you,

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