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Friends of West Los Angeles
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**RE: Greater Los Angeles Safety and Preparedness Fair
Endorsement from Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti**

Dear Preparedness Fair Team:

Thank you for all of your work to help make the City of Los Angeles (City) better prepared and able to deal with and recover from the many shocks and stresses facing our city. Recent catastrophes around the world are serious reminders that every community needs focused resilience strategies and emergency preparedness resources. Even as we learn to manage and deal with a global pandemic, we have existing and anticipated shocks for which we need to be ready.

In Los Angeles, we know a major earthquake is a matter of when, not if. Additionally, the effects of climate change are worsening, wildfire season is year-round, and the challenges for our most vulnerable populations only increase as they are disproportionately impacted by any disaster we confront. In fact, FEMA recently ranked Los Angeles County as the **highest** disaster risk of any other county in the nation due to our density, diversity of risks, and ongoing challenges.

Providing resources and information and helping communities be more prepared — especially for our most vulnerable neighborhoods — is among the City's highest priorities. The emergency preparedness events that you have previously organized and the Citywide Emergency Preparedness Fair you are now putting together is an essential component of our city's resilience strategy and public safety work.

As Mayor of Los Angeles, I wholeheartedly endorse and support your efforts. My office is able to assist with whatever you might need to make the event as expansive and impactful as possible for the City's residents. Thank you and keep up the amazing work.

Sincerely,

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