

June 24th, 2022

Honorable Chair and Committee Members Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area

## **Re: Labor Standards and Community Impact of Measure W Projects**

Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing on-behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11 and the National Electrical Contractors Association of Los Angeles to express our support for meaningful labor standards in all Measure W Projects.

The people of Los Angeles voted overwhelmingly for Measure W in order to improve the environmental and economic resiliency of our County. Requiring that all Measure W projects are performed under Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) will realize the full spirit and intent of this vote. By requiring all projects to have PLAs, the Measure W Steering Committee will be maximizing the economic benefits of its projects for the tax-payers of Los Angeles County. This is a clear step the steering committee can take to help ensure its success.

The success of Measure W for our communities is critical. Workforce standards such as PLAs ensure the use of the highest caliber and most equitable labor force. Good workforce policies will create local high-road careers that contribute to a sustainable local economy. This will in turn help create the economic benefits and community stakeholdership necessary to support any further bond issuances.

Ensuring all your projects use Project Labor Agreements will not require any material changes to your procedures or projects. Moreover, Project Labor Agreements are the standard on the vast majority of public works projects throughout our County, and for good reason, Measure W projects should be no exception.

We greatly appreciate your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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