February 4, 2020

Mindy Wilcox, AICP, Planning Manager
City of Inglewood, Planning Division
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Re: Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center Draft EIR

Dear Ms. Wilcox,

As chair of the Inglewood/Airport Area Chamber of Commerce’s Education Committee, I am proud to support the Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center and respectfully ask for approval of the draft environmental impact report. We are so encouraged that the LA Clippers are committed to providing benefits to the community beyond the arena campus, including scholarship for our City’s youths.

The Chamber’s Education Committee works to enhance the educational experience by linking academics, business and community to promote real world learning, support partnerships, and encourage and celebrate educational excellence in our schools. Our work includes the celebration of learning through mentorship, internships and partnerships. We are dedicated to building bridges between stakeholders in our children’s future through community passion and awareness.

Through construction of the Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center, the developer has proposed a $100 million community benefits package that includes $12.75 million for youth and education funding. This money will go toward design and coding camps, high school drop-out prevention program, post-secondary counseling and college scholarships for low-income high school graduates. What is so incredible about this money is that it creates tangible benefits for Inglewood residents regardless of their interest in the LA Clippers, professional basketball or this development. It shows that the team will put its money where its mouth is when it comes to being a good community partner.

I am so proud to be a part of a community where we are controlling our own destiny, building partnerships and investing in our young people.

Regards,

Dexter Hall
Co-Chair of the Education Committee
Inglewood/Airport Area Chamber of Commerce