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Dear L.A. County Supervisors,

I'm writing to urge you to approve the La Brea Tar Pits Master Plan, which will transform the site into an even more valuable asset to our community. For A Place Called Home the Natural History Museum has been a steadfast partner in our efforts to serve the diverse populations of Los Angeles. The Natural History Museum on multiple occasions has invited our organization's youth to the museum for free to experience the special exhibits, visited our site to host hands-on workshops, and taken many of our members on camping trips so they can experience nature outside of the city. NHM has also provided avenues for our youth to platform at their venue. Our in-house ensemble 29 Live has performed at community events hosted by NHM and recently both our band and APCH Dance Company performed as a part of the grand opening of the NHM Commons. We are in the process of continuing to strengthen our partnership through collaboration, sharing of resources, and innovative engagement practices.

Programs offered by NHM at the La Brea Tar Pits have provided countless opportunities for community engagement through education, culture, and leisure. And the proposed Master Plan will enhance the Tar Pits' capacity to accommodate more students, families, Angelenos, and out-of-town visitors.

The reimagined site, with more exhibition space, classrooms, recreational facilities, and open spaces, will showcase the Tar Pits' global leadership in research that connects the past with our planet's future, while showcasing L.A. 's commitment to developing world-class cultural institutions that are open to all.

Please vote "yes" for the reimagining of the La Brea Tar Pits.

All the best,

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