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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to urge you to support the latest step in the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County's plan to modernize La Brea Tar Pits.

The proposed project represents a vital investment in L.A.'s cultural and educational leadership. Dr. Lori Bettison-Varga has brought great vision to expanding access to and broadening the impact of NHMLAC in both Exposition Park and Hancock Park.

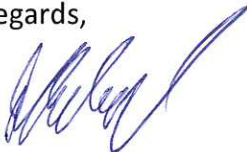
La Brea Tar Pits is an iconic standout among Los Angeles' top destinations. The Tar Pits is an institution that is treasured in Los Angeles and around the world. Reimagining La Brea Tar Pits will strengthen this site by better welcoming visitors and enhancing a globally unique resource.

NHMLAC has an extraordinary opportunity to expand the Tar Pits' value as a living and learning laboratory about the causes of the last major extinction and its lessons for today's climate challenges. This thoughtful proposal represents a commitment to state-of-the-art research that is relevant to our collective future, expanded and innovative educational programs, greater accessibility, and community engagement.

The success of La Brea Tar Pits will resonate far beyond Los Angeles, strengthening tourism to our great city. Together with NHMLAC, we share the mission of inspiring curiosity and science learning.

I am proud to support this exciting vision for the future of La Brea Tar Pits.

Best regards,



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