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Miyiiha (greetings) L.A. County Board of Supervisors,

The Natural History Museum is a long cherished partner of the Gabrielino-Shoshone Nation of Southern California. In the past our former tribal chief and spiritual leader were consultants to the NHMLA for their Native American Exhibit Hall. In recent times, the Gabrielino-Shoshone Nation have partnered with NHMLA in rematriating the remains of Tukuurot (P-22), and with Anawakalmekak and the Community Science Department for the Yosentlapixkeh (Eco Guardians) Program which does traditional ecological knowledge and community science research at Chief Ya'anna Regenerative Learning Village.

We urge you to support the Master Plan for the La Brea Tar Pits, which we believe will have broad educational, social, and economic benefits for the community. As the first update in 50 years, the plan will modernize research, exhibition, educational and recreational facilities, creating a new experience that will raise global awareness of a site that is unlike any other museum on Earth.

By providing new amenities for Hancock Park, this plan will better integrate this iconic venue with its neighbors and the entire city. The value of envisioned open space for leisure and community events should not be understated, providing a new place for us to picnic, run around, or simply enjoy the sunshine in a rare urban oasis.

All of the improvements before you today will preserve and promote this important destination for decades to come. We hope you will vote in favor of this plan today.

Thank you,

Gabrielle Crowe

Tribal Co-Chair and Secretary of Environmental Sciences

Gabrielino-Shoshone Nation of Southern California

