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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the project proposed by 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 and, together with LACMA's new Building for the Permanent Collection, will transform Hancock Park and Museum Row as a world-class destination for arts and culture. The La Brea Tar Pits has been a wonderful neighbor, and Dr. Lori Bettison-Varga has brought great vision to expanding access to and the impact of NHMLAC in both Exposition Park and Museum Row.

From the Academy Museum to LACMA and Craft Contemporary, Museum Row is the cultural heart of our city, and 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 for the study of and education about the history and preservation of our planet.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Govan', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Govan  
CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director