



Dear Supervisors,

As a longtime partner of the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County, Korean American Family Services, Inc (KFAM) shares its commitment to community enrichment. For 8 years, we have collaborated on many projects including Outdoors for Everyone, Nature Walks, Camping at NHM and other various science and natural history workshops. Through these projects, NHM offers accessible and inclusive programs that foster a deeper connection with the natural world which is very foreign to API families and children. The aim of the partnership is to break down barriers to outdoor experiences, opportunities to be in nature and encourage families to connect with natural landscapes for underserved and underrepresented API communities. It also creates resources and accessibility to the museums and programs and contributes to the well-being of API families by promoting physical activity, mental wellness through nature and social cohesion. Overall, the Natural History Museum's work in Southern California has made lasting strides in bridging cultural gaps and encouraging API communities to enjoy and protect the natural world through meaningful and inclusive programs.

That is why KFAM wholeheartedly endorse the La Brea Tar Pits Master Plan. It will enhance not only the site's educational and cultural value, but also foster an inclusive environment where more people than ever – of all ages and from all backgrounds – can immerse themselves in the Ice Age, participate in scientific discovery, or simply enjoy a family outing in a unique urban oasis.

No place on Earth can match the Tar Pits as a destination that reveals how the distant past connects to the present, offering lessons about how the last major extinction relates to the fate of our rapidly changing planet.

What better way to inspire a future generation of scientists and build environmental awareness among global visitors than moving forward with the Master Plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director of KFAM