



To the Board of Supervisors,

I am pleased to write on behalf of Las Fotos Project in strong support of the La Brea Tar Pits Master Plan.

For over a century, the Tar Pits has been a cultural and scientific treasure, connecting Angelenos to the natural history and biodiversity of this region. It is time to modernize the site to benefit more students through expanded educational programs and immersive learning experiences, more visitors through enlarged exhibition spaces, and more local community members through the re-landscaped grounds and new leisure facilities.

As a public educational institution, the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County has a mission to serve all Angelenos, which it does in both Exposition Park and Miracle Mile. The visionary plan for La Brea Tar Pits will take NHM to the next level – enhancing a globally significant venue to make it more accessible to and more impactful for a greater audience.

The Natural History Museum has always made a great effort to uplift and support community organizations like Las Fotos Project, and I am confident that this investment in the Tar Pits modernization will also be an investment in the community.

I urge you to vote to approve the plan to transform La Brea Tar Pits into a cutting-edge cultural attraction.

Sincerely,

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