

Dear L.A. County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Gabriella Charter Schools, I am writing to express our strong support for the La Brea Tar Pits Master Plan.

As a former School Programs Coordinator at La Brea Tar Pits and Museum and now a first-grade teacher at Gabriella Charter School 2, I've witnessed firsthand how our charter school and community partnerships expand and enrich students' learning experiences. The Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County (NHMLAC) is an exemplary institution and has been our invaluable partner for over 10 years. As home to the world's largest collection of Ice Age fossils and the only active urban excavation site, La Brea Tar Pits has been a unique educational and cultural treasure for a century.

The visionary Master Plan will greatly enhance the capacity for world-class research and educational programming by doubling lab facilities, enlarging exhibition space, and expanding immersive, hands-on opportunities for students to participate in real-time scientific discovery. The grounds, too, will be transformed into a premier learning environment with educational displays and historical native plants, along with new recreational spaces and amenities open to the entire community.

The Master Plan will bring immense benefits to Los Angeles County, increasing access and educational opportunities for L.A.'s diverse population and global visitors, providing significant economic impact, and creating the preeminent venue for the public to engage with the wonders of science and appreciate the importance of safeguarding our planet in an era of climate Change.

We are excited to continue our partnership with NHM and urge you to approve the plan to modernize La Brea Tar Pits.

Sincerely,

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