



**SELF HELP
GRAPHICS & ART**

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Los Angeles County Supervisors
500 W Temple St #383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Los Angeles County Supervisors,

On behalf of Self Help Graphics & Art (SHG), I am writing to support the La Brea Tar Pits Master Plan.

Located in the center of Los Angeles, the Tar Pits is unlike any other research site on the planet. It provides one-of-a-kind scientific discoveries daily and an accessible place for our community to witness the scientific process and learn about our planet's history and how it relates to life today. Thanks to the Tar Pits, generations of Angelenos have been able to engage more closely with science.

The Natural History Museum has been an invaluable partner. Our ongoing collaboration has offered art workshops and engaged hundreds of participants through SHG's Barrio Mobil Art Study, which intersects the arts with science, history, and nature. Most recently, through the collective investigative and community engagement work between SHG and NHM's Mineral Science and Community Science department, we successfully identified a lead-reducing method to help ease soil contamination. This four-year investigative work is on view through an ambitious exhibition, *Sinks: Places We Call Home*, at the Luckman Gallery at Cal State Los Angeles. *Sinks* is part of the Getty Foundation's PST Art: Art and Science Southern California art initiative. Through partnerships like this, we strongly believe this plan will continue and enhance the site's importance to science, education, and community development.

It's with much excitement that we urge your support in this plan.

Sincerely,

Marvella Muro
Director of Artistic, Curatorial
and Education

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