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Ms. Gabriela G. Collins  
Exposition Construction Authority  
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Dear Ms. Collins:

The Mar Vista Community Council endorses and requests that indigenous plantings be utilized by the Los Angeles MTA for all landscaping for phase two of the Exposition Line light rail project. While we appreciate that drought tolerant plantings are currently planned for these stations, we feel it is imperative that MTA utilize this opportunity to exclusively use plantings native to Southern California to create a habitat that fosters the pollinators needed to support our ecosystem. Not only would indigenous plants be naturally drought tolerant but in that they will not require fertilizers they protect our watershed as well. Such plantings also serve to promote environmental awareness and responsible landscaping choices by others in a highly visible setting. While our motion applies to the entire phase two of the line, this issue is of particular importance to our stakeholders with respect to Palms Station. We believe this request can be accommodated without adding significant costs to the Expo Line project. It is our desire that our wishes in this matter be made known to all who are involved or concerned. Your assistance in this process is appreciated, and if there are others we should contact directly, your help in identifying those parties would also be appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sharon Commins,  
Acting Chair  
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