



**WILSHIRE CENTER
KOREATOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**



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The Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

To Mayor Eric Garcetti:

We, the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles, support 11th District Councilmember Mike Bonin's resolution ([Council File Council File 21-0002-S30](#)) that “the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation that would provide funds to state and local agencies to provide fare-free transit.”

Access to public transportation is an essential service for many Los Angeles residents, particularly for individuals from communities of color, many of whom are categorized as low-income. Not only do transit fares place a financial burden on those who can least afford alternative transportation, but transit fare policing is often used to unfairly target people of color, [especially Black people](#). Furthermore, LA Metro funding already primarily relies on governmental support, not rider fares, so providing fare-free service would not put a significant strain on existing infrastructure. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in service cuts when many people lack the financial resources necessary to access alternative transportation. Lastly, not only does reliable and affordable public transit support our general economy, but it helps reduce car reliance and reduces carbon emissions.

In the interest of enabling equal access to transportation, we, the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council, respectfully request that the City of Los Angeles provide fare-free service to all.

Respectfully,

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council