



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

January 23, 2014

The Honorable Karen Bass
408 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bass,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I write in support of The Local Hire Act – H.R. 3620.

I recently joined city residents to break ground for what will become the Metro Crenshaw Expo line. There is excitement throughout the surrounding neighborhoods for the potential transportation and economic benefits this project holds in store for the community. In the short term, residents also want to enjoy the benefit that comes from actually working on such a project.

The City of Los Angeles has contributed the lion's share of funding for the project. Because the federal match makes up less than a quarter of the project's budget, the City of Los Angeles should be able to prioritize and hire local talent first. The ability to create jobs for Angelenos for projects using local tax dollars should not be impeded and, for these reasons, the City of Los Angeles supports H.R. 3620.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti'.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor