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Secretary Julian Castro  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Room 7136  
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Castro:

I am writing to express my support for the Los Angeles Trade Technical College's (LATTC) proposal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Promise Zone designation.

The LATTC has created a partnership called the South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone (SLATE-Z) to transform the lives of South Los Angeles residents. SLATE-Z encompasses an area of almost 200,000 residents with nearly half of them living in poverty and many of them underemployed. The collaboration consists of community organizations, business and government entities that have come together to address the challenges faced by South Los Angeles.

A Promise Zone designation will deliver a much needed boost to South Los Angeles. SLATE-Z has developed a comprehensive plan that will increase economic empowerment, educational attainment and community resources. In doing so, local residents and businesses will see South Los Angeles become a thriving community with new opportunities. With 53 partners, SLATE-Z has the capacity and experience to undertake the challenges in South Los Angeles.

As such, I respectfully urge you to give serious consideration to this worthwhile proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staff at (213) 481-1425.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Xavier Becerra", written over a large, stylized loop.

XAVIER BECERRA  
Member of Congress