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## Correspondence Received

| | | | The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item: | |
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| **Agenda #** | **Relate To** | **Position** | **Name** | **Comments** |
| 18. | | **Favor** | Ann Dorsey | |
| | | | Ben Stapleton | |
| | | | Jane A | |
| | | | Josie Swoboda | |
| | | **Oppose** | Therese Mullaly | You are seeking affordable housing pre development (above) and yet tying hands of builders with carbon-related regulations! |
| | | **Item Total** | **5** | |
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October 5, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
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**RE: STRONG SUPPORT for Motion on Advancing Low-Carbon Construction in Los Angeles County - Agenda Item 18 (10/06/26)**

Dear Chair Solis and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of USGBC California, I am writing to express our strong support for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath's motion, "**Advancing Low-Carbon Construction in Los Angeles County**," scheduled for your consideration on October 6, 2026.

USGBC California's deep bench of members are sustainability and green building professionals with a strong commitment to addressing climate change and other local, state, and international environmental issues. Our members are designers, engineers, public agency and utility staff, consultants, product manufacturers, and service providers. Our mission is to transform California through the built environment into a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable place for all. Our goals include advancing environmental justice by developing diverse talent, and systemic change based on impactful solutions to address our urgent environmental and social challenges.

Achieving our shared climate goals requires directly addressing one of the most significant drivers of regional emissions. Construction accounts for 23% of greenhouse gas emissions globally, with embodied carbon from cement manufacturing responsible for roughly 8% due to high-temperature kiln processes and limestone calcination. As one of the largest concrete markets in the nation—consuming an estimated 15 to 20 million cubic yards annually, or the volumetric equivalent of filling an Olympic swimming pool every two hours—the Greater Los Angeles region has both a profound responsibility and a monumental opportunity to lead the transition to low-carbon construction.

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To evaluate our region's capacity to make this transition, USGBC California proudly partnered with the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, and the City of Long Beach to issue a joint Request for Information (RFI) seeking commercially available and emerging lower-carbon concrete solutions. On September 24, 2026, USGBC California officially released the report, Lower Carbon Concrete in Greater Los Angeles: A Market Landscape and Roadmap Toward 2028 and Beyond, following our annual Carbon Forward Summit held at the La Kretz Innovation Campus in Los Angeles. The Summit convened 184 public agency staff, manufacturers, designers, contractors, developers, and investors on a single imperative: building with lower-carbon materials at the scale demanded by upcoming regional infrastructure needs and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The report findings demonstrate strong market readiness across the region, where present-day mix designs can deliver an immediate 25% baseline reduction in Global Warming Potential (GWP—the standardized metric for embodied carbon expressed in $kgCO_2e$). Among the 30 RFI respondents, 79% of reported lower-carbon solutions are available today at or near cost parity, addressing approximately 60% of regional concrete applications by volume while matching conventional performance. Ultimately, the RFI and Summit confirmed that the main bottleneck to scaling these solutions is not technology or cost, but the need for a predictable, aggregated demand signal from major public specifiers.

Supervisor Horvath's motion translates these findings into immediate policy action. Los Angeles County Public Works currently manages approximately $3.3 billion across 130 active capital projects. By leveraging this purchasing power to establish low-carbon concrete standards, a centralized Qualified Products List, and targeted pilot projects, the County can drive market transformation while keeping project costs neutral. Furthermore, this motion operationalizes key targets of the *OurCounty Sustainability Plan* (Actions 34 and 132) and the *Climate Action Plan* (Actions 3.2 and 3.3), while fostering vital regional harmonization with LA Metro, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Long Beach, and USGBC California.

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We strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to vote YES on Supervisor Horvath's motion to establish a phased implementation roadmap for reducing embodied carbon in County construction projects. Thank you for your leadership and continued dedication to building a sustainable, resilient, and climate-neutral Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

Ben Stapleton,
Chief Executive Officer

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