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Speaker Anthony Rendon
California State Legislature
4909 Lakewood Blvd. #400
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Subject: California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Business Plan

Dear Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Little Tokyo Business Association (LTBA) and the Little Tokyo Business Improvement District (LTBID), we applaud your efforts and those of Assemblymember Laura Friedman and the California High-Speed Rail Authority board to advance California toward the realization of an efficient, world-class high-speed rail system. We are especially pleased to add our support to your proposed rail system improvements that will create express rail service from Hollywood Burbank Airport to Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles.

Little Tokyo, a community of over 400 predominantly small businesses that will soon welcome Metro's Regional Connector hub, has grown into one of downtown Los Angeles' most vibrant districts and a desirable destination with ideal proximity to Union Station, L.A.'s Civic Center, world class museums, popular restaurants, shopping, and more.

We feel strongly that adding key improvements in Southern California and the Bay Area to the 2020 Business Plan, while continuing high-speed rail construction in Central California, will maximize future mobility and connectivity throughout the state and, in addition, meet the needs of the diverse and culturally rich communities along the corridor.

Yours truly,

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