The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of our more than 1,600 member organizations, opposes the linkage fee policy in front of the Planning and Land Use Committee today. It will discourage the growth of commercial and manufacturing jobs in Los Angeles. And it will make our housing supply and affordability crisis worse.

The Chamber has a long history of working with you on homelessness and affordable housing issues. Together, we’ve passed Measure HHH, Measure H and successfully defeated Measure S, whose impacts would have been devastating to housing and job development.

Los Angeles has a housing supply and affordability crisis. This proposed linkage fee will increase, not decrease, the cost of building. Therefore it will increase, not decrease, the cost for housing for the vast majority of Angelenos.

It will also discourage commercial and industrial development as pointed out in the attached letter from Bobrick Industries.

We suggest that the City develop a much more comprehensive solution that does not pit one type of housing against another or encourage commercial and industrial businesses to choose a city other than L.A. to call home.

The business community stands ready and willing to work with you on identifying and implementing comprehensive and impactful solutions to our housing supply and affordability crisis. This linkage fee is not the answer.