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cc: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring Street  
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Re: Please oppose the TransPacific Partnership Agreement

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, which represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood, would like to urge you to strongly oppose passage of the TransPacific Partnership Agreement (the 'TPP').

The TPP was developed with input from and primarily benefits large corporations. The document contains over 6,000 pages of complex language of which very little (4 chapters out of 29 or 30) actually address trade issues while the majority of the language appears to be a backdoor approach to overturn regulations that protect your constituents and local businesses from powerful corporate interests.

The TPP as drafted accelerates the risk of job-loss to low-wage, unregulated third-world economies, endangers health and environmental protections in your district and across the country, expands the power of financial institutions and large companies, stifles small US business opportunities by allowing uncontrolled currency manipulation by trading 'partners'. And, putting our democracy on the chopping block, it contains an expanded investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) process which allows

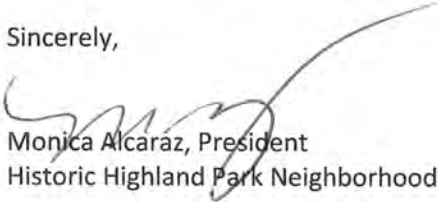
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corporations to sue governments through secret tribunals for potential (not even incurred) loss of income due to our laws designed to protect workers and residents here in Los Angeles and across the United States.

This will inevitably increase the movement of jobs to low-wage countries, continue to drive down US wages and increase the trade deficit, reduce public services, put workers and consumers at risk and increase pharmaceutical costs amongst many other negative impacts on the common good.

Therefore, the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council requests you support your constituents' interests over those of big corporations and act to preserve our democracy by voting against passage of the TPP. As well, please encourage your colleagues, both Democrat and Republican, do the same.

Sincerely,



Monica Alcaraz, President  
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council