



# Boyle Heights

## Neighborhood Council

March 20, 2021

**RE: Letter of Support in Opposition of Gu's Recycling CUP**

Dear LA County Board of Supervisors,

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council respectfully requests the County of Supervisors support environmental justice for the Ramona Gardens Housing Development as well as the surrounding community by rejecting the conditional use permit for Gu's Recycling (1583 Fishburn Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90063).

Gu's Recycling is allowed to operate as a parking lot for trucks by right, according to the zoning of the property. Three decades ago they received a conditional use permit to temporarily store recyclables, including aluminum cans, glass bottles and cardboard. Shortly thereafter they began receiving a series of violations for illegally operating as an auto dismantler and metal scrap yard; operations that pose a much more significant risk to environmental and human health. After decades of repeated infractions, Gu's Recycling submitted an application to receive a conditional use permit for their illegal operations.

Gu's Recycling operations are incompatible with the surrounding community. The facility's proximity to residences, within 500 feet, goes against public health findings that sites at this distance pose significant health impacts to residents. This is unacceptable, especially for our communities that are already overburdened and under resourced. In fact, though Gu's Recycling is located in Unincorporated East Los Angeles, the closest residences are found in Boyle Heights. The Ramona Gardens community is just a stone's throw away from the toxic and illegal operations of Gu's Recycling. These community members already live in the top 5% of most impacted and most vulnerable communities in the State of California according to the CalEnviroScreen. We can not afford to allow for toxic legacies to persist in our communities.



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It is for these reasons that we, the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to reject Gu's Recycling's conditional use permit.

Thank you for your time in the matter and we look forward to hearing a response with a course of action to provide environmental justice for our community.

With Respect,  
The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council