

Marcella Ayala Talking Points
Corporate Pointe at West Hills City of Los Angeles Planning Commission
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- I'm Marcella Ayala, the east Valley associate, for Mayor Villaraigosa's office
- I'm here on behalf of the Mayor to express his strong support for the Corporate Pointe at West Hills project
- Speaking on his behalf, I urge you to approve the zone change being requested by Trammell Crow Company, on behalf of MEPT
- MEPT is a real estate equity fund that invests in real estate assets and 100% in union-built construction projects
- MEPT is the largest fund in the country with a commitment to union labor
- The proposed project will create more than 1,600 unionized construction jobs and 1,700 new high-paying jobs in the green technology and industrial and commercial sectors
- It is our understanding that in order to create these jobs for our city the zone change must be approved
- Since the 1950's this campus has served the City of Los Angeles by accommodating jobs in the industrial and commercial sectors
- Today it is important that our City continue to provide and renovate office, industrial, and research and development parks so that we can remain competitive in this current globally economic environment
- Trammell Crow has worked hard with the community and with the Councilman Smith's office on this important project
- We urge you to approve this project so that our economy and our future will benefit from the contribution of Corporate Pointe at West Hills