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Support for the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art Site in Exposition Park

George Lucas, the legendary filmmaker and entrepreneur, recently released designs for the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art (Lucas Museum) for both Los Angeles and San Francisco. The site selected in the Los Angeles area is Exposition Park, often considered the Science and Art Hub of the County of Los Angeles (County), as it is the home of so many iconic institutions. These institutions include the California Science Center, the Coliseum, the California African American Museum, the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, and the venerable University of Southern California (USC), of which Mr. Lucas is a graduate of its film school.

Exposition Park is the ideal site for the Lucas Museum, as it is already a destination hub in the County, with ample and consistent public transportation and convenient access to multiple freeways. Its proximity to USC, along with dozens of elementary, middle, and high schools, will help boost the learning experience for thousands of children each year, and provide each of them with an understanding of the science and technological skills needed for a career in the film, animation and design industries.

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The Lucas Museum will bring thousands of jobs to the County, not only in the construction industry, but in the art, education, and hospitality industries as well. Businesses in the surrounding areas will demonstrate a marked growth, and additional green space is included in the proposed design as well. The siting of the Lucas Museum at Exposition Park is a win-win situation for the Museum as well as for the people of the County.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Demonstrate its support of siting the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art at Exposition Park in Los Angeles by authorizing and executing a Resolution, and to send the Resolution to Mr. George Lucas to evidence the Board's support.

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