Throughout its history as a proud member of the Westchester and Los Angeles communities, LMU has demonstrated a strong commitment to support and contribute to the community. In a typical year, LMU students, faculty and staff donate more than 170,000 hours working on behalf of 350 different community organizations throughout Los Angeles. LMU Family of Schools partners with seven Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) schools in Westchester, to support them in their mission to improve student achievement and provide equitable educational opportunities for everyone. LMU also hosts numerous academic programs on campus throughout the year for underserved young people. LMU’s strong commitment to the community was acknowledged in 2007 when it was recognized as a “Treasure of Los Angeles.”

In addition to contributing to Los Angeles through its volunteer programs, LMU is also an economic engine generating revenue and jobs. Currently, LMU generates approximately $443 million annually in economic activity in the County of Los Angeles, which includes $265 million in economic activity in the City of Los Angeles. LMU’s operations support approximately 5,116 jobs in the county, including 2,895 jobs in the city. Spending by LMU’s students generates approximately $100 million in economic activity in the county, including approximately $68 million in the city.

Development of the Master Plan Project will generate even greater economic benefits for Los Angeles. Construction of the Master Plan Project is projected to create approximately $1.7 billion in economic activity in the county, supporting 15,363 jobs. After the proposed Master Plan Project is fully built, with the expanded operations of the university, the increase in faculty and staff, and the increase in student enrollment up to the current city-approved cap of 7,800 full-time equivalent students, LMU is expected to generate approximately $520 million in annual economic activity in the county, with $323 million of that activity occurring within the city. This activity is expected to support approximately 6,100 jobs in the county, with 3,583 of those jobs occurring within the city.

Development of LMU’s Master Plan Project will be a major economic driver within the city and greater Los Angeles region at a time when Los Angeles is critically in need of revenue and jobs. Additionally, the proposed Master Plan Project will help ensure that LMU and its students remain a local and regional resource into the future not only for an excellent higher education, but also as a vibrant source for community volunteerism and support.