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**North Atwater Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge**

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RE: Council File 11-1246-S1

Dear Esteemed Members of the Council Committee,

I would like to express my support for the North Atwater Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge. I am a cyclist and I ride through this area of the LA River often. This bridge would allow for safe access across the River in an area where there are no safe options for cyclists or pedestrians to cross. Often times I see kids crossing the water. I have had to do this a few times myself and I can attest that the rocks are slippery and could be dangerous at times. I have had conversations with many other cyclists who would benefit greatly from the bridge and are excited about the project. Furthermore, I see a great deal of elderly people and people with small children who like to walk along the path of the river in areas where there is access (some examples are Frogtown, Glendale Bridge and Sunnynook). I see very few of these patrons in North Atwater because they do not have any access to it. I feel that these residents would enjoy walking along the river if they had a practical way of accessing the river path. The fact that there is no access cuts off these residents from a very useful resource that is directly beneficial to their health.

In addition to cycling I am also an avid fly fisherman and would consider the LA River my home water. I have spent numerous hours walking up and down the banks looking for carp. Over the years I have seen the numbers of fisherman multiply in the area. I have even met people who have come from outside of Southern California, such as Northern California and states such as Colorado, Oregon and Utah, who have come to fish in the LA River. It has become a popular stop over spot for fishing tourist because of its reputation as a great carp fishery. The bridge would greatly benefit all the fisherman as well by supplying a safe way to get from one side of the river to the other giving it access to wide array of recreation. It would also show a sense of pride that the city has for one of its greatest natural resources, showing that the City of LA deems the LA River worthy of investment and protection.

Please give serious consideration into continuing with the completion of the North Atwater Bike and Pedestrian Bridge.

Sincerely,

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