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Council File 11-1246-S1 - Atwater Village Bridge = SUPPORT FOR LA River North Atwater Multimodal Bridge

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Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Chair, Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee (Attn: John White)**Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Chair Transportation Committee (Attn: Adam Lid)**Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell**, Council District #13,

As the Director of Government & Public Affairs for the Los Angeles chapter of The American Institute of Architects, I am writing to share my strong **SUPPORT** for the proposed **LA River North Atwater Multimodal Bridge** and I advocate for the cable-stay bridge design as recommended by River LA.

It is vital to fund this important connection across the Los Angeles River and it is equally vital that the design of this bridge serves to represent the stature and the dignity of what the Los Angeles River means to all Angelenos and a symbolic narrative uniting us more closely together.

Therefore I recommend that you allocate from the Public Works Trust Fund the \$6,933,133 necessary to build the cable-stay bridge as soon as possible.

The cable-stay bridge design responds to every goal and requirement that was presented throughout the community outreach and engagement process:

- Mixed-modal: It safely accommodates pedestrians, equestrians and bicyclists.
- The bridge is future proof and flexible to accommodate uses that have yet to be identified.
- The structure addresses sometimes contradictory multi-agency requirements.
- The design solves the very real concerns about river safety by creating as minimal an impact on the river as possible. In this case, placing a robust structure above the deck, out of harm's way instead of in the channel.
- The design responds to the unique needs of this community and the specific condition of this location. No simple or off the shelf solution exists.

I thank you for your leadership on this issue and on your strong commitment to make sure that Los Angeles remains a healthy and vibrant place to live, work and play.

Very truly yours,

Will Wright, Hon. AIA|LA

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