



December 5, 2013

Council President Herb Wesson
Los Angeles City Council

Via Electronic Mail: Councilmember.Wesson@lacity.org

Re: Appointment of Councilmember Paul Koretz to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California - SUPPORT

Dear Council President Wesson and Councilmembers,

I am writing on behalf of Surfrider Foundation and our more than 30,000 members in California in **strong support for the appointment of Councilmember Paul Koretz to the Metropolitan Water District ("MWD") of Southern California.**

Councilman Koretz has demonstrated his deep knowledge of not only water supply and traditional water pollution issues, but he has a vast understanding of the importance of prevention of physical trash in our local waterways and the associated detriment to our health, environment and economy. Mr. Koretz brings a wealth of experience from serving on the Los Angeles City Council and demonstrating leadership on environmental issues. During his tenure as councilmember, we have always found Mr. Koretz to be thoroughly informed about important issues demanding his attention, and always open to differing points of view from diverse constituents and stakeholders. These unique and important attributes, as well as his vast experience, will make Mr. Koretz an invaluable voice of reason on the MWD Board. He will surely bring valuable expertise and a sound knowledge base to tackle water issues for a more sustainable future for the City of Los Angeles.

We strongly encourage your appointment of Paul Koretz to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and we look forward to working with him on future issues facing the MWD.

Sincerely,

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