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District 15 <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org> Cc: Karen Barnett <karenbarnett@sbcglobal.net>

Dear Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee Members,

I requested a copy of the final vision plan from Gerardo, in September 2014, for the AVNC River Committee to review but never heard back. (email attached)

I would like to request physical copies of the final NELA Riverfront Collaborative Vision Plan be sent to the AVNC River Committee, AVNC Board members and the Atwater Village Public Library for stakeholders to review. When the feasibility report of creating the Riverfront District is complete, it should also be sent.

Less than 1% of Atwater Village is represented in the NELA RC Vision Plan. The survey of 666 residents included 137 from Atwater Village. (p. 53) The 2000 U.S. census counted 14,888 residents and 16,624 according to city-data.com.

Myself and other community members attended many of the workshops hosted by the NELA RC in the summer though fall of 2013. I never understood this to be a potential "district" which seems to be the case now. While it has many good points, there are real world application issues. Real world application issues were not brought into discussions when participating in workshops, as it was a "vision plan".

Also, much of the information in sections 5 (p. 176), 6 (p. 186), 7 (p. 194) and 8 (p. 206) was not done in public meetings that I went to. I happened to attend a strategic initiatives NELA RC focus group, which was not announced to the general public. At this time larger concepts, strategies, opportunities, funding tools, and the like were discussed.

There are many overlays and plans, which include Atwater Village. Many are not know to the community at large.

All stakeholders of Atwater Village should be given time to review and comment on the NELA RC Vision Plan and feasibility study before any actions or votes on a Riverfront District by the City Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Barnett

Atwater Village Resident

Atwater Village Neighborhood Council Board Member (for identification purposes only)

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Northeast L.A. Riverfront District Vision Plan

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Fri, Sep 5, 2014 at 1:57 PM

Hello Gerardo,

I got your info from George's email of the final NELA RC Vision Plan! I'm chair of the AVNC River Committee and attended many of the workshops last year.

Would it be possible to get a copy of the final vision plan and tool kit? George was very gracious in giving us one of the earlier misprinted ones! We discuss it in our river meetings.

We would also like to invite you to an upcoming River Committee meeting. Your input in moving the vision plan forward with community involvement is of great interest to everyone! We meet on the second Monday of the month - Our next meeting is Monday, October 13th, would that work for you and/or your staff?

I look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks and best regards, -

Karen Barnett

Atwater Village Neighborhood Council

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