

Communication from Public

Name: E. Chavez

Date Submitted: 06/29/2026 10:07 AM

Council File No: 26-0777

Comments for Public Posting: I support Councilmember Jurado's resolution opposing the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project. I support the Kizh nation in opposing the project and in asking for full avoidance of this site. I have lived in the neighborhood for 36 years. I have visited the area in question MANY times and appreciate how the people and wildlife benefit from the undisturbed habitat. Do not allow the use of our San Pascual Park land for this project.

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Newquist
Date Submitted: 06/29/2026 10:57 AM
Council File No: 26-0777
Comments for Public Posting: I support this resolution to Save San Pasqual Park and please abandon the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project. Thanks for your kind consideration. Robin Newquist

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Blue (AHP)
Date Submitted: 06/29/2026 09:00 PM
Council File No: 26-0777
Comments for Public Posting: Please add document "2026-06-29_AHP letter in Support of Resolution_CF 26-0777_LA City Council" to Council File 26-0777. Thank you.



June 29, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL (COUNCIL FILE CONNECT)

Council President Harris-Dawson
Members of the Los Angeles City Council
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File 26-0777

**Support for Resolution (Jurado - Padilla)
Opposing the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project and Protecting
San Pasqual Park (Agenda Item 116), (SCH No. 2023110605)**

Dear Council President Harris-Dawson and Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

Angelenos for Historic Preservation (AHP) writes to express our strong support for Councilmember Ysabel Jurado's resolution opposing the Pasadena/South Pasadena Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project, currently listed as Item 116 on the July 1, 2026 City Council Agenda. This project represents a systemic failure to prioritize the preservation of our scarce, high-quality public parkland. San Pascual Park is not merely an "opportunity site" for industrial infrastructure; it is a vital, functioning wetland ecosystem and a beloved community asset. We urge the full City Council to adopt this resolution swiftly to prevent severe and irreversible impacts to our city's public lands, historical assets, and native heritage.

About Angelenos for Historic Preservation

Angelenos for Historic Preservation (AHP) is an unincorporated association of concerned citizens, residents, design professionals, and preservation advocates dedicated to the protection and responsible stewardship of historic and natural resources within the City of Los Angeles. AHP's purpose is to promote responsible development, ensure compliance with state and local laws governing land use and environmental review, and provide a vehicle for the public to advocate for the protection of our city's cultural and environmental heritage. Our members are beneficially and directly interested in the City's compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Los Angeles Municipal Code, and the fundamental guarantees of due process and the public trust.

As an organization dedicated to safeguarding the cultural and environmental landscapes of Los Angeles, we are deeply aligned with the core technical and procedural assertions of this resolution. Specifically, AHP urges the City Council to enforce the following critical protections:

- **Permanent Preservation of Public Parkland:** In accordance with *Los Angeles City Charter Section 594(c)*, we ask the Council to formally declare that San Pasqual Park and all adjoining parklands along the Arroyo Seco corridor must be safeguarded as irreplaceable resources and preserved completely intact in perpetuity. Municipal parklands are sacred civic trusts; they must be protected from structural encroachment and never be compromised or repurposed for industrial infrastructure.
- **Deference to Tribal Sovereignty and Cultural Avoidance:** We echo the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation's urgent requests for full project avoidance. The San Pasqual and San Rafael sites are ancestral lands of profound cultural, spiritual, and historical significance. AHP strongly reinforces the City's commitment to rigorous government-to-government consultation under Assembly Bill 52 and the principles of free, prior, and informed consent.

Under the binding precedent established in *Koi Nation of Northern California v. City of Clearlake* (2025), the California Court of Appeal made it clear that public agencies cannot treat tribal consultation as a perfunctory, "check-the-box" administrative exercise. Meaningful consultation mandates an earnest, transparent, and documented process of seeking, discussing, and considering tribal input to achieve mutual agreement. The project's proponents—the Cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena—have fundamentally failed to meet this high legal standard by refusing to engage in meaningful dialogue with the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation.

- **Halting Ecological Degradation:** The Environmental Impact Report for this project makes it clear that the proposed diversion will decimate irreplaceable habitats and century-old mature trees. This environmental toll on the local ecosystem and the surrounding Los Angeles communities is entirely unacceptable and a direct violation of the public trust.

The Arroyo Seco is one of Southern California's foundational cultural landscapes. Sacrificing its natural canopy, integrity, and indigenous heritage to accommodate a project that directly harms Los Angeles property sets a dangerous municipal precedent.

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Jurado-Padilla Resolution
CF 26-0777

We call upon the City of Los Angeles to stand firm alongside the local community, the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, and the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation in demanding that Pasadena and South Pasadena permanently abandon this project.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued commitment to protecting the historic, environmental, and cultural fabric of our city. AHP respectfully requests your affirmative vote on Council File 26-0777.

Sincerely,

Robert Blue

For Angelenos for Historic Preservation