

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Takemoto

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Council File No: 26-0777

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Councilmember Jurado's resolution in Council File 26-0777 and I urge all Councilmembers to vote no on it. My partner and I live in Lincoln Heights and visit the Arroyo once or twice a week to walk, run, or just be outside in nature. We care deeply about what happens there, and that's exactly why we support the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project. It cleans polluted runoff before it reaches the LA River, replaces invasive vegetation with native oaks, sycamores, and willows, and makes the area more accessible. It's fully funded through construction, the environmental review is still underway, and the City hasn't even finished its own reports yet. We have been poor stewards of this land in the past, and this project is our best chance to correct two of those wrongs. How can you be opposed to cleaning polluted water and restoring native habitat? And coming into compliance with good State environmental law? Please do not adopt Council File 26-0777 and do not put Los Angeles on record opposing this project or urging its permanent abandonment before that work is complete. Misch Takemoto, Lincoln Heights resident

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Name: Noel J McCarthy

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Councilmember Jurado's resolution in Council File 26-0777 and I urge all Councilmembers to vote no on it. I live about a half mile from the San Pascual site and walk in the Arroyo Seco regularly. This project would clean polluted runoff before it reaches the LA River, restore native habitat, and add more accessible trails and green space — all fully funded through construction, at no cost to the City of Los Angeles. Blocking it makes no sense. The Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project addresses a real water quality problem. The San Rafael Creek outfall regularly exceeds allowed bacteria levels in dry weather. Doing nothing doesn't protect the Arroyo — it just keeps the polluted runoff as the status quo. This project sends that runoff through planted wetlands where soil, plants, and filters clean it. Most of the captured water refills local groundwater. A small share is reused for golf course irrigation, but that's worth being clear about: the golf course doesn't receive more water because of this project. The amount stays the same. That's not a giveaway to a golf course — it's a water quality system that also happens to use reclaimed water efficiently. On the trees: yes, some are removed, mostly at the densely overgrown San Pascual site. But the project replants a net increase in native trees — oaks, sycamores, elderberries, willows — along with thousands of native plants and shrubs. I'm glad that the majority of mature oaks and sycamores will not be removed. That matters to me. Native habitat is exactly what this stretch of the Arroyo needs more of. Councilmembers who support the Bow Tie project at Taylor Yards should be able to see the value here. This is the same idea: reclaim underused or degraded land along a riparian corridor, restore native ecology, improve public access, and do it with funding already secured. The logic is identical. My one honest concern is maintenance. Fully funded through construction is not the same as fully funded forever, and the City should make sure clear maintenance terms are in place before any agreements are signed. Council File 26-0777 would put Los Angeles on record permanently opposing a project that cleans water, restores habitat, and improves public access — before the environmental review is even complete and before the City's own reports are finished. Please do not adopt it. Noel McCarthy Garvanza, City of Los Angeles

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Name: Therese Brummel

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Councilmember Jurado's resolution in Council File 26-0777 and I urge all Councilmembers to vote no on it. The Arroyo Seco has long been a touchstone to the natural world for those of us who live near it. This project would clean polluted runoff through planted wetlands, restore native trees like oaks and sycamores, and bring in over two thousand native plants at the San Pascual site alone — real habitat for the insects, birds, and wildlife that depend on it. The state water-quality requirement driving this project exists because the current situation, doing nothing, leaves bacteria pollution as the status quo. That inaction could also mean a costly fine. The Draft EIR is still in its public comment period. The City's own reports are not yet finished. Please do not be hasty in disregarding this. A permanent position taken before the record is complete is not a sound decision. Please do not adopt Council File 26-0777, and do not put the City of Los Angeles on record opposing this project or urging its abandonment before the environmental review and the City's own reports are complete. Therese Brummel RN Local resident, Bungalow Heaven, Pasadena