

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation are the ancestral tribe of what is now called the Arroyo Seco, which is now a green public space cherished for its vital history and deep spiritual significance to the communities of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Arroyo Seco supports native riparian habitats, wildlife corridors and large tree canopies, a space essential to the quality of life and well-being of many residents, particularly those with limited access to open space, necessitating that any project impacting this landscape must proceed with care, transparency, and genuine partnership with nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena have proposed the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project (the Project), which would involve the diversion of water, originating from the San Gabriel mountains, streams and springs along the Arroyo Seco and urban runoff, which is the main source of pollution north and south of San Pascual, to areas within the jurisdiction and proprietary interests of the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Arroyo Seco nurtures numerous species of plants and animals whose viability depends on the area maintaining adequate and natural instream flows, which the Project threatens to reduce or eliminate, potentially creating ecological harm that cannot be easily remediated; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project would fundamentally change the character, accessibility and use of the area, raising serious concerns about equity and community impact; and

WHEREAS, the Kizh Nation has expressed its opposition to the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project, specifically requesting full avoidance of the site, because it is sacred land to the tribe and they have been continually excluded from the decision-making process and the proponents have not fully provided a process for public engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles, in keeping with its commitment to tribal consultation, recognition of Indigenous sovereignty, and respect for the cultural and spiritual heritage of the Kizh people, acknowledges this opposition and recognizes that proceeding with the Project over the objection of the Kizh Nation would cause irreparable harm to sacred lands and its ecology; and

WHEREAS, excluding communities from decisions affecting their environment, health, and neighborhoods erodes public trust and produces outcomes that do not reflect their needs or values; and


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WHEREAS, the underserved community of San Pascual will carry all of the environmental burden of construction and subsequent negative impacts for years to come; and

WHEREAS, community outreach has been limited and insufficient, excluding community members - including local stakeholders, tribal representatives, and especially linguistically isolated members - a meaningful role in shaping the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has a duty to its constituents to protect City-owned resources from uncompensated use or harm by outside parties and to ensure that any regional collaboration on water supply is conducted on terms that are fair, transparent, ecologically sound, nature-based, and beneficial to the people of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, City-owned parklands, including San Pascual Park, are held in public trust and may not be alienated, encumbered, or made subject to third-party use without the informed consent and affirmative action of the City Council, and no such consent has been given with respect to the Project, and specifically including San Pascual park, which shall forever remain for the use of the public inviolate, as required by the Los Angeles City Charter 594(c); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby **OPPOSES** the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project and alternatives identified in the Environmental Impact Report that proposes to alter City of Los Angeles property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles declares that San Pascual Park (Assessor's ID Number 5493-0380900) and all City parklands along the Arroyo Seco corridor shall remain a public open space asset, inviolate and in perpetuity, as required by Los Angeles City Charter Section 594 (c) and no San Pascual parkland shall be used for industrial infrastructure as proposed by the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles opposes the Project as proposed by the Cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena in deference to the Kizh Nation's most recent correspondence requesting full avoidance of the Project, as the San Pascual site and the San Rafael site constitute sacred land with profound cultural, spiritual, and historical significance that must be protected from disturbance. The City Council reaffirms the City's commitment to government-to-government consultation with the Kizh Nation - Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - and directs all relevant City departments to engage in meaningful consultation with the Kizh Nation regarding any matters affecting the Arroyo Seco Watershed. The City honors the Kizh Nation's rights under AB 52, Government Section 6245.10, and applicable principles of free, prior and informed consent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles opposes the Project on the grounds that the Project would result in the destruction of century-old trees and irreplaceable habitat, the

Project would cause significant and unacceptable environmental impacts to the surrounding area, and the Cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena have failed to engage in meaningful dialogue and collaboration with the Kizh Nation and the local community regarding these impacts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena be **URGED** to permanently abandon the proposed Project out of respect for the sovereignty and requests of the Kizh Nation, the ecological value of the ancient trees and habitat that would be destroyed by the project, and the voices of the Los Angeles communities whose land and environment would be irreversibly harmed.

PRESENTED BY:


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