

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, City Council unanimously adopted the following land acknowledgement on October 28, 2025:

The City of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Kizh, Tongva, Tataviam, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants — past, present, and emerging — as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, multigenerational trauma, disruption of cultural practices, trade, and tribal relations. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of the City of Los Angeles. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We also honor the self-attestation of current mission-based Tribes confirming their connection to the ancestral lands on which we live and work today:

Gabrieleno San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians led by the Gabrieleno Tongva Tribal Council

Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians -Kizh Nation

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians

Northern Chumash Tribal Council

WHEREAS, there are ancestral caretakers of what is now called “The Arroyo Seco” which is a green public space cherished for its vital history and deep spiritual significance to the communities of Los Angeles that still inhabit this area today; 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

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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 Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation has demonstrated a sustained commitment to advocacy and stewardship by being the only tribe responding to the Cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena's outreach for Native American consultation in accordance with AB 52 during the preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in 2023 and the subsequent preparation of an Environmental Impact Report currently in process; specifically requesting full avoidance of the site, because it is sacred land to the tribes 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, Gabrieleno San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians led by the Gabrieleno Tongva Tribal Council and Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council have subsequently expressed their opposition to the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project outside of the AB 52 process; 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 significance of the Arroyo Seco, acknowledges the tribal opposition and recognizes that proceeding with the Project over the objection of tribes 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

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; and

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, 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 would 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 in perpetuity, as required by Los Angeles City Charter Section 594 (c) and no San Pascual Park land 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 Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation correspondence requesting full avoidance of the Project, the Gabrieleno San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians led by the Gabrieleno Tongva Tribal Council and Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council opposition to 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.

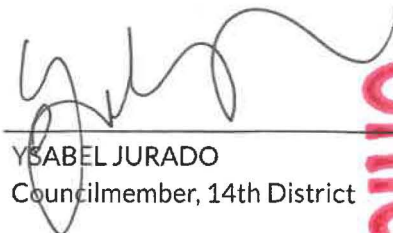
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City honors the rights of tribes under AB 52, Government Section 6245.10, and applicable principles of free, prior and informed consent and reaffirms its commitment to tribal consultation.

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 consultation with tribes and collaboration with 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 Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation, the Gabrieleno San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians led by the Gabrieleno Tongva Tribal Council and Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, 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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