

MOTION

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Existing sections of the LA River Greenway stitch together Studio City from Fulton Avenue to Radford Avenue. Built over time, and operated and maintained by different agencies, this green network serves as a vital conduit and respite for Studio City. Forthcoming investments in the completion of the LARiverWay biking/walking path in this area through the design and construction of Segment 8 of the LARiverWay will develop the opposite bank of the Los Angeles River from the existing Greenway segments. The difference between the two should be thought of a slower-paced more pedestrian-focused side (the LA River Greenway), and a slightly faster-paced bicycle-focused, but pedestrian friendly, side (The LARiverWay) – as described in various LA River planning documents over the years.

Originally constructed in 2008 and managed by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), the Studio City LA River Greenway segment between Whitsett Avenue and Laurel Canyon Boulevard is in need of improvements and refurbishments. These improvements would increase public safety, encourage pedestrian traffic, improve the general environment, and create better connections to Ventura Boulevard and adjacent commercial properties. With the Bureau of Engineering beginning the design process for Segment 8 of the LARiverWay, RAP working on new solar lighting, and Congress appropriating \$250,000 in Community Project funding for the Studio City LA River Greenway, RAP should now initiate a capital project and secure authorization to accept the federal funds.

Melanie Winter, dedicated much of her life to the Los Angeles River – serving as Executive Director of Friends of the Los Angeles River, and founding and leading the River Project. Melanie was also a nearby Studio City resident who helped open both the LA River Greenway in Studio City and the adjacent Valleyheart Greenway. Following her passing last year, this segment of the LA River Greenway should be named in her memory and offer opportunities for the public to learn more about her work.

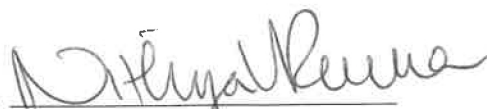
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the Department of Recreation and Parks to initiate a capital project with associated planning, outreach, design, pre-construction, and construction phases for the LA River Greenway Studio City Habitat Restoration, Beautification, and Safety Project, with a project area along the south bank of the Los Angeles River from Laurel Canyon Boulevard westwards to Whitsett Avenue, and a project scope of civil and landscaping improvements to help increase connectivity, access, and public safety along this section of the LA RiverWay.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council AUTHORIZE the Department of Recreation and Parks to accept \$250,000 in Federal Community Project Funding for the LA River Greenway Studio City Habitat Restoration, Beautification, and Safety Project and to undertake any and all steps necessary to execute and satisfy any funding agreements, and that the Department of Recreation and Park's Chief Accounting Employee, or designee, to accept and establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks" Fund No. 205/89 to accept the Grant funds, and to make any technical corrections as necessary.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the Department of Recreation and Parks to incorporate honorary and interpretive signage to honor the memory and work of Studio City resident and River Project founder [Melanie Winter](#) into the LA River Greenway Studio City Habitat Restoration, Beautification, and Safety Project.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the Department of Recreation and Parks to officially rename the RAP-managed LA River Greenway, along the south bank of the Los Angeles River from Whitsett Avenue east to Laurel Canyon Boulevard, as the "Melanie Winter Studio City LA River Greenway".

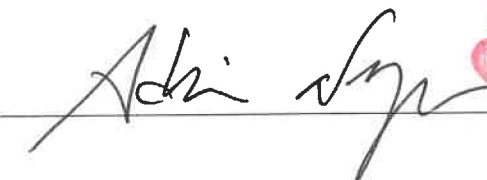
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