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SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT

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Mr. Rick Rabins, President The Village Gardeners of the Los Angeles River 11684 Ventura Boulevard, # 343 Studio City, California 91604

Dear Mr. Rabins:

We greatly appreciate and support your efforts to beautify and environmentally enhance the Los Angeles River between Coldwater Canyon Road and Fulton Avenue. Our partnership dates back to the Department of Public Works' 2008 Earth Day event, where your participation assisted with planting nine trees and approximately 300 shrubs, flowers, and plants, and also progressed the Los Angeles River Master Plan goal of developing a continuous greenway along the river.

We look forward to continuing our partnership in the implementation of the North Valleyheart Riverwalk Project. The project seeks to revitalize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) right of way along the north bank of the Los Angeles River adjacent to Valleyheart Drive between Fulton and Coldwater Canyon Avenues. The project scope includes native vegetation landscaping, irrigation, hardscape, pedestrian access and trail improvements, construction of access ramps meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines, and interpretive/educational signage. This project is consistent not only with the Los Angeles River Master Plan goals pertinent to aesthetics, community enhancement, and the environment, but also with your mission to benefit and educate the local community.

We greatly appreciate your organization's commitment to sharing in the maintenance responsibilities of this project. Together, we can work towards producing a project that improves the community and also ensures that it is properly maintained for future generations.

As you know, the LACFCD will be submitting an application to the California River Parkways Proposition 84 grant program for the project. We welcome your offer to submit a letter of support for the project to include with the grant application. We hope

that this project will be granted funding through this competitive grant program to assist with the construction costs.

We again thank you for all of your assistance, and look forward to potentially collaborating with you on future endeavors. If you have any questions, please call me or my Deputy Maria Chong-Castillo at 213/974-3333.

Sincerely,

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