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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

November 1, 2011

Mr. Rick Rabins
President, Board of Directors
The Village Gardeners of the Los Angeles River
11684 Ventura Blvd., Suite 343
Studio City, CA 91604

Re: Valleyheart Riverwalk Greenway Project

Dear Rick,

The Los Angeles River is one of our city's most cherished natural resources, connecting communities across the Southland with nature and with each other. Transforming the river into a green refuge of parks, bike paths and tranquil open space has been one of the City's priorities. The Los Angeles River should be enjoyed as a flourishing oasis, accessible to all Angelenos.

We are writing to thank The Village Gardeners for the strides they have made toward restoring the L.A. River in their community. The hard work of this all-volunteer, nonprofit organization has set a stellar example of grass-roots support for the L.A. River Revitalization effort.

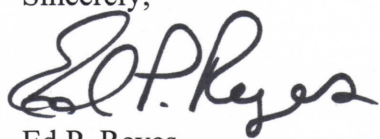
The Village Gardeners made a pledge to Los Angeles County years ago to adopt and maintain a half-mile stretch of the river in the San Fernando Valley. We recognize that you have far surpassed initial expectations for this commitment. Your organization has galvanized hundreds of volunteers to remove invasive, non-native plant species from the riverbanks and replant them with California-native plants, and has worked tirelessly to keep the area free of litter and graffiti. In addition, The Village Gardeners has hosted numerous environmental and educational programs for the community. Your ongoing efforts inspire a sense of pride and stewardship for the river, and help bring the neighborhood together as a whole.

Therefore, we wish to express the City's support for The Village Gardeners' proposed project, the Valleyheart Riverwalk Greenway, featuring an enhanced ***Steps to the Riverwalk***. The ***Steps to the Riverwalk*** would be the only improved pedestrian access point on the north side of the river for miles in either direction. This greenway project would give the community a safe and appealing place to walk, jog and bike along the river.

Furthermore, you have our enthusiastic support as you seek funding for this transformative project and for your ongoing efforts to restore the natural habitat along the L.A. River. We commend your continued dedication to improving your adopted area in the spirit of the L.A. River Revitalization Master Plan.

Thank you for the invaluable service you provide to the City and Los Angeles River.

Sincerely,



Ed P. Reyes
Councilmember, First District
Chair, Ad Hoc River Committee



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Councilmember, Second District



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Councilmember, Fifth District