

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 15, 2015

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

As you prepare your Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, we write to strongly urge you to include \$4.2 million in Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) funding for the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration project. The progress of this project is the product of several years of collaborative work by citizens, stakeholders, and elected leaders to reestablish Los Angeles River as a source of Angelino pride and vitality.

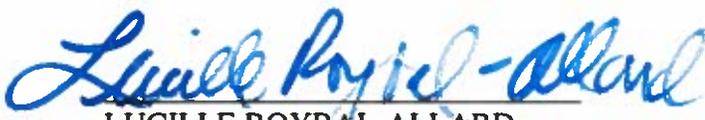
Last July, we were encouraged when the Civil Works Review Board unanimously approved the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration project and moved it one step closer to reality. With Assistant Secretary Jo-Ellen Darcy poised to sign a completed Chief's Report in the coming months, we are hopeful the Office of Budget and Management (OMB) will include PED funding as a budget line item.

We thank you for making environmental stewardship a key priority. Your leadership to move this transformative project forward will not only improve our communities for today, but the world we leave for our children tomorrow. That is why we cannot overstate the importance of this final budget proposal and the opportunity it presents to make an enduring commitment to our core values. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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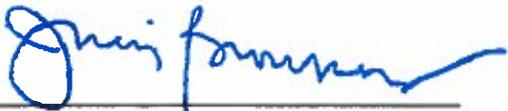
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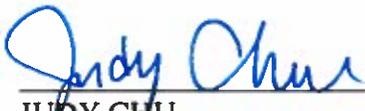
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