



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 8, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 530 (Rendon). Lower Los Angeles River Working Group

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 530 (Rendon). This bill would foster greater collaboration among cities along the lower Los Angeles River (River) for the purposes of revitalizing the River and providing access to open space along the River.

The Long Beach City Council adopted the City's RiverLink Plan (Plan) in 2007. This Plan sets forth a vision for creating a continuous greenway along the east bank of the Los Angeles River within city limits. Due to the collapse of the global economy not long after the adoption of the Plan, project implementation has been slow. Community interest has remained high and despite limited funding, Long Beach has been able to achieve meaningful progress with the delivery of park projects at DeForest Park, DeForest Wetlands, Drake/Chavez and at Golden Shore Biological Reserve.

At this time, the City of Long Beach is in the process of updating our RiverLink Plan to further community engagement with the Los Angeles River and the outdoors. With forward momentum from AB 530, the City looks forward to partnering with cities upstream to create a coordinated Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan. AB 530 as an opportunity to link the revitalization plan that has been developed by the City of Los Angeles for the upper portion of the Los Angeles River, to revitalization efforts in the Lower Los Angeles River. Long Beach looks forward to working closely with our neighboring cities to revitalize and enhance the Los Angeles River.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach, along with many upstream cities, supports AB 530. We respectfully request your signature on AB 530 (Rendon).

Thank you for considering this bill.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Anthony Rendon, State Assembly, 63rd District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
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