



May 10th, 2018

TO: Hon. Sheila Kuehl, Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Hon. Janice Hahn, Chair Pro Tem, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Hon. Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor, First District, Los Angeles County
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor, Second District, Los Angeles County
Hon. Kathryn Barger, Supervisor, Fifth District, Los Angeles County
Mark Pestrella, Director of Public Works, Los Angeles County

RE: Safe, Clean Water Program

Dear Supervisor Kuehl,

The Anahuak Youth Sports Association was founded in 1994 in Northeast Los Angeles and was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 2000, after it attained affiliation with CalSouth, affiliated to the US Soccer Federation. Anahuak mission is to inspire youth to continue their education through scholarship fundraisers and college visits. Anahuak was created to serve as an alternative to drugs, gangs, and crime, using soccer as a hook to keep children off of the streets, children whose families can't afford to pay for league fees and equipment. Anahuak serves as a leader in mobilizing its members, particularly around environmental and health issues that affect the community.

Anahuak is committed to working with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to ensure a safe and clean water for future generations through a multi-benefit stormwater and urban runoff capture program to increase water supply, improve water quality, and investment in communities.

We write to strongly encourage the Safe, Clean Water Program to prioritize distributed and neighborhood scale, nature-based solutions to capture, infiltrate, treat and use stormwater and dry-weather runoff. Such projects and programs can help achieve a more sustainable and equitable water future for all communities in Los Angeles County.

Safeguarding public health is our top priority and that is why we are committed to advancing a regional water resilience plan that mitigates against extreme weather variability, increased drought, flood risk and urban heat. We support a plan that reduces trash and pollution in our waterways, beaches and habitat throughout the Los Angeles region.

Funding for projects should be distributed in a manner that promotes equity for underserved communities and mitigates displacement. Furthermore, our hope is to work closely with county and local agencies to increase environmental awareness programs that encourage and train community members to participate and promote greater watershed stewardship.

We appreciate the County of Los Angeles' strong commitment to achieving a safe and clean water future for all residents. We stand ready to work with you on providing input on the Safe, Clean Water Program and to assist with outreach to communities and leaders throughout Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

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