



June 15, 2018

The County Board of Supervisors
Los Angeles, CA

RE: Safe, Clean Water for Los Angeles County Residents

Dear Board of Supervisors Member

On behalf of the Long Beach Gray Panthers, I am writing to express our views regarding the Storm Water Draft Plan, open for public comment. Thank you for initiating this important action.

The Long Beach Gray Panthers, an organization with 100+ members and over 300 supporters, are supporting the coalition for Safe, Clean, Water in Los Angeles, California. Our concerns with the plan are as follows:

- The emphasis on creating green jobs that pay a livable wage and have project labor agreements is optional for the bidders. Given a choice, the bidders will not include these important elements in their proposals. These need to be mandatory in the bid package.
- Incentivize the use or enhancement of natural systems, such as bioswales, trees, and wetlands whenever possible and “green” alleyways and roofs to create more greenspace, especially in our lower income communities through scoring bonuses
- Incentivize the use of permeable surfaces and reduction of hard surfaces to allow storm water to refresh aquifers by businesses and government agencies
- Integration with existing approved water-based projects such as the LA River Restoration Project and other State and local bond programs to create efficiencies and maximize dollars spent. We would rather see dollars go to integration than to already approved projects

We are proud to support this effort with these added community benefits.

Sincerely,

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