



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: 05/19/26 Date: 05/13/2026

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Comments

Dear committee, good day. My name is Abigail I am an eighth grade student at LWCS, I am writing to you to support the Eaton Wash project especially the Groworks garden, me and my classmates would love to work in your garden and make memories there and have a great time and make it beautiful for you and us, our community especially because its my last year being an 8th grader.

Have an awesome day!

Sincerely- Abigail



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Name:* Andrew Cobb Organization*: Learning Works Charter School
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Hello Rio Hondo Watershed Steering Committee, I am Andrew Cobb the lead Middle School teacher for Learning Works Charter School, writing in support of the Eaton Wash project.

Our students often come to Learning Works for all sorts of reasons, often they are at risk of dropping out, have been expelled, or traditional school settings just don't work for them. We are singularly focused on making sure they graduate High School and come away with better knowledge of self and skills they can use. Our Growworks program is a key part of that, while gardening they get to see their hard work pay off slowly but surely, and get to develop skills and coping mechanisms as well. Funding this project would supercharge our gardening program, allowing even more students to participate and the benefits would extend to various science programs where students learn about California native plants, water systems, and evolutionary Biology.

Our students gain a lot of flexibility and care when they start attending Learning Works, but they do lose chances at High School sports, clubs, and the like. Our Expanded Growworks program at the Eaton Wash would help give a lot of pride to students that they can build together towards something bigger. These student's worlds are increasingly digital and we can help them interact with nature and agriculture that they wouldn't otherwise have the chance to, and introduce them to something they might truly love. The Growworks program helps us mentor our students and show them that the world is much bigger than just their neighborhood.

Speaking as a Pasadena resident the other community benefits are excellent too!





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Dear committee, I'm Andrew an eighth grade student at Learning Works Charter School. I am writing to support the Eaton Wash project, especially the Growworks Garden. I think it can help the youth reconnect with nature and for others gardening helps them find peace. It can help students figure out skills they didn't know they have.

Thank you for your time reading, Sincerely Andrew.



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Name:* Aniyah Soza Organization*: Learning Works Charter School
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Dear Committee my name is Aniyah I am a seventh grade student at Learning Works Charter School. I am writing to you today for your help to support our school garden. This would really help our school because me and my classmates like the garden. We like it because it helps us learn stuff, helps me learn new stuff and it also helps me connect with nature and learn how to talk more and have a bond with different people. Thank you for your time and listening to my opinion.



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Comments

Dear Rio Hondo Watershed I am a seventh grade student from LWCS. My name is Ashley Reyes I hope your having a great day. I'm writing this letter to support the Eaton Wash project especially the Groworks garden. The reason why is because the garden helps the people feel peace or even teaches skills. Maybe another reason is because we students like to plant flowers or more things and we could help each other especially because we students like to plant it gives us peace and we can enjoy the nature. Thank you for taking your time by reading this letter, thank you once again have a great day.

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Dear Committee, my name is Brooklyn I am an eighth grade student at Learning Works. I am contacting you today to express that we would really like support for our garden, we would really also like to support the Eaton Wash project. The garden really helps me and my class relieve anger, reconnect with nature, the garden helps me feel at peace, teaches me skills and about the earth.

Thank you for the time you took reading my letter.
Sincerely, Brooklyn.



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Name:* Christian Garcia Organization*: Learning Works Charter School
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My name is Christian an eighth grade student at Learning Works. I am writing to support the Eaton Wash project especially the Groworks garden. I like the garden because it helps relieve my stress and anger. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely Christian <3



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Name:* Dakota Hannah Organization*: Learning Works Charter School
Email*: n/a Phone*: n/a
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Dear Committee, My name is Dakota. I am a seventh grade student at LWCS. I really love Gardening. Me and My fellow classmates really want to start gardening more often. I really want to support the Eaton Wash project. Especially the Groworks garden. The garden really brings us together. I really want to know how to grow more things and learn more about gardening. Gardening helps teaching me skills, reconnect with nature and we just want our own garden to make it very pretty. Thank you for reading this, have a wonderful day.
Sincerely, Dakota Hannah.



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Name:* Esther Zuniga Organization*: Learning Works Charter School
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Dear Committee, My name is Esther Zuniga, I am a seventh grade student at LWCS. The reason I am writing this letter is to support the Eaton Wash project especially the Groworks garden. We would like our garden back because it helps me relieve my anger and is very therapudic. The garden teaches me skills on how to plant flowers and trees. We get to make the garden look nice and it is fun to plant and grow plants and flowers. Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,
Esther



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Name:* Faith Montgomery Organization*: Learning Works Charter School
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Dear Committee, my name is Faith. I am an eighth grade student at Learning works. I am writing this letter because we need you guys to support the Eaton Wash Project, especially the Groworks garden. We would like you to support it because we love Gardening. I like Gardening because I can take out my anger when I take the weeds out. The garden helps all of us connect with nature and gardening gives us something to do rather than being in class all day. It teaches us how to plant flowers and other types of plants.

Sincerely, Faith



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Dear Committee good day my name is Hunter Knight Ferguson. I am an eighth grade student at LWCS. I'm writing to support the Eaton Wash project especially the Groworks garden, the Groworks garden is relaxing, fun and I love it and it helps me reconnect with my friends and with the nature. The Garden helps me feel peace and teaches me skills. Me and my classmates will really appreciate it if we get a private garden. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Hunter



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Comments

I'm Jason a student at Learning Works Charter School and I wish to have a bigger garden. We want a bigger garden because we can make it look nice. We will love to have a garden and its really fun to do it and it helps us, if we get a garden it will be appreciated cause we want to work in the garden. Please choose to support the eaton wash project!



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Dear Committee my name is Jeremiah I am reaching out to you to support my school "LWCS" garden. The garden helps us connect to nature and build relationships with my classmates and it helps me learn how to use different tools so in the future if I want I can have my own garden. Appreciate it, Jeremiah.



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Comments

Dear Committee, good day, my name is Jzannae: I am an eighth grade student at Learning Works Charter School. I am writing to you today to get your support for our garden so we can continue learning new skills and just sometimes we want to reconnect with nature and feel at peace. We sometimes feel angry or stressed and the garden helps us with relief because nature is just so calming for us.

Thank you for reading my letter.
Sincerely, Jzannae



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Hi Im Sam a twelfth grade student at LWCS. The garden we had at our school wasn't just a place with plants, it was where a lot of us went when everything else felt too loud or just overwhelming. Losing it felt like losing a safe space that held so many memories, from quiet lunches to moments where we could just breathe without having to worry about anything. It was something we all helped care for, so seeing it disapear made it feel like our effort and voices didn't matter. A lot of us students felt abandoned like something important was taken away without anyone really thinking about us. For a lot of us that garden was the only escape we had during the school day and now it is an empty space being used by cars. You supporting the Eaton Wash project will help repair this loss and help us with a new garden and new memories.



Public Comment Form

Name:* Anne Lee Organization*: Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena
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Good afternoon Chair and members of the Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee, My name is Anne Lee, Vice President of Development for the Boys and Girls Club in Pasadena, where we primarily serve youth and families from underserved, low-income communities who rely on our programs for safe spaces and opportunity.

For the young people we serve, access to safe, enriching outdoor space is not a given—it's a critical gap. The Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project represents more than infrastructure—it brings hands-on, place-based learning into communities that often lack access to green space and environmental education.

Many of our students do not have regular exposure to nature. This project provides a safe, local space to engage with science, sustainability, and the environment in a meaningful way.

At a time when our community has also lost open space due to recent fires, investments like this are even more important to support well-being and ensure underserved youth are not left behind.

We strongly recommend this Committee fund the Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project. Thank you for your consideration.



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Name:* James Granados Organization*: Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena
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Comments

Good afternoon Chair and members of the Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee. My name is James Granados, and I am the Club Area Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena. Our organization serves youth and families from underserved and low-income communities, providing a safe and supportive environment for learning, mentorship, and personal growth.

As a state-supported program, we are deeply committed to ensuring equitable access to educational and enrichment opportunities for the students we serve. The Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project represents a unique and meaningful opportunity for our community. In addition to its important water quality benefits, this project creates direct access to outdoor classroom spaces where our youth can engage in hands-on science and environmental education. Many of the students we serve do not otherwise have access to nature-based learning environments. Having a local, accessible space where they can learn about water, sustainability, and the environment in a real-world setting is incredibly impactful.

This project not only improves the health of our watershed, but also invests in communities like ours by providing educational resources and safe outdoor spaces for youth and families. We strongly support prioritizing funding for the Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project and appreciate the City of Pasadena's commitment to delivering projects that serve both environmental and community needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Public Comment Form

Name:* Maricela Brambila Organization*: PUSD - Willard Elementary
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Good afternoon Chair and Committee Members, My name is Maricela Brambila, and I am the Principal of Willard Elementary School, located directly adjacent to the proposed Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project.

Willard serves a diverse and often underserved student population, including students from Pasadena and nearby unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Many of our students live in apartments and do not have access to safe, open outdoor space in their daily lives.

As a school, we work hard to provide inclusive, high-quality educational experiences, including for students with special needs. However, like many urban campuses, we are limited in the amount of space we can provide for outdoor learning and exploration. Not only are these experiences important on their own, but they are also central to supporting literacy, in building background knowledge, and for developing rich vocabulary/language for our students.

This project offers a meaningful extension of our campus—creating accessible green space and outdoor classrooms where our students can engage in hands-on learning, connect with nature, and support their overall well-being. It is rare to have an opportunity like this directly next to a school, where environmental investment and educational equity so clearly align.

We strongly support funding for the Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Name:* Noreen Sullivan Organization*: City of Pasadena - Council District 4 L
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Good afternoon Chair and Committee Members, My name is Noreen Sullivan, representing Council District 4 in Pasadena.

From a community perspective, the Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project stands out because of the direct and lasting benefits it will bring to residents.

Following the Eaton Fire, our community has experienced the loss of homes, schools, valuable green space and gathering areas. That loss has made projects like this even more critical—not just for environmental benefits, but for restoring places where people can safely gather, learn, and reconnect.

This project brings outdoor classrooms, green space, and safe access to the wash—resources that are especially important for families and students in our district, which includes those that are underserved. We've heard strong support from local partners, including GroWorks, Willard Elementary School, and the Boys and Girls Club, who see firsthand how impactful these spaces are for the underserved communities they serve.

This is not just a stormwater project—it's an investment in recovery, resilience, and long-term community well-being. On behalf of District 4, we strongly support funding for the Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project.





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Good afternoon Chair and Committee Members, my name is Pilar Reynaldo, a community member and advocate for environmental sustainability, watershed health, and nature-based solutions.

As a Master Gardener and community member, I strongly support the Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project. In the wake of the Eaton Fire, we have seen the loss of habitat, canopy, and ecological function across our region. This project represents an important step toward regeneration—restoring biodiversity, rebuilding native landscapes, and creating resilient green space for both people and wildlife.

What makes this project especially compelling is its ability to serve as a living classroom. It reflects the legacy of the former Earthside Nature Center—providing a setting for passive education, where students and the broader community can learn simply by being present in a thoughtfully designed natural environment.

With its proximity to schools and youth-serving organizations, this project becomes more than restoration—it becomes an investment in environmental stewardship for the next generation.

I strongly encourage the Committee to fund this project. Thank you.





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Good afternoon Chair and Committee Members. My name is Colin Bogart. I'm a Director at Day One, a public health non-profit with offices in Pasadena, El Monte and Pomona. We work to support young people and build healthier, more equitable communities across the San Gabriel Valley.

From our perspective, the Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project represents exactly the kind of investment our communities need—one that connects environmental benefits with real, on-the-ground impact for youth and families.

Many of the young people we serve come from underserved communities, where access to safe outdoor space, green infrastructure, and nature-based learning opportunities is limited. Projects like this help close that gap—creating spaces where youth can gather, learn, and connect in positive and meaningful ways.

This project also aligns with broader efforts to support youth development, public health, and community resilience—particularly in areas that have historically lacked investment. We see this as more than a stormwater project—it's an investment in young people, in equity, and in the long-term well-being of our community.

We strongly support funding for the Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project.



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Name:* Virginia Gladwin Organization*: _____
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To whom it may concern,

I strongly support the Stormwater Capture Project in the Eaton Wash as well as the development of useable park space with above-ground amenities.

As a local resident, I know we will be so grateful to have the upstream water drainage area of over 10,000 acres which will improve water quality through the stormwater infiltration.

I look forward to the implementation of these well thought through plans.

Thank you,

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