

May 14, 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,

Community Health Councils (CHC) is committed to working with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to ensure 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. For over 25 years, CHC has worked to promote social justice and achieve equity in community and environmental resources to improve the health and well-being of under-resourced populations.

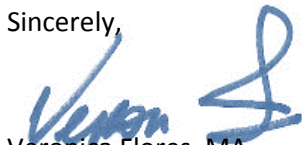
We write to strongly encourage the Safe, Clean Water Program to prioritize distributed and neighborhood scale, nature-based solutions to capture, infiltrate, treat, and use stormwater and dry-weather runoff. Such projects and programs can help achieve a more sustainable and equitable water future for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

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