



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Mark Pestrella  
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Los Angeles County - Department of Public Works  
900 S. Fremont Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Pestrella,

The City of Pasadena appreciates the County's leadership in the development of the Safe, Clean Water Program and the extended efforts to engage cities in the stakeholder process to draft a parcel tax for stormwater compliance programs, drought preparedness, water quality, and water sustainability.

The City of Pasadena currently has a Storm Drain Fee, implemented in 1982, which is based on runoff factors defined by land use. The City is concerned about the appearance of double taxation on Pasadena businesses and residents, and the 40% local return estimated by County is not enough to supplant our existing City tax without major impacts to our General Fund.

The Draft Program Elements document released on April 12, 2018 does not address provisions for cities who currently have a stormwater fee or tax. The City would like to engage with the County on developing a mutually beneficial solution that would allow the City to support the County tax initiative. Working together, the City is hopeful that an acceptable approach can be developed and incorporated into the Program prior to LA County Board action, which is anticipated in June 2018.

Look forward to a meeting on this critical matter soon. Should you have any questions, please contact me at [kmarkarian@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:kmarkarian@cityofpasadena.net) or (626) 744-4695.

Sincerely,

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