



July 3, 2018

TO: Hon. Sheila Keuhl, 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: Support for Safe, Clean Water Program

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Director Pestrella:

As President of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, I support the County's efforts to invest in our region's economic, environmental, and public health through the Safe, Clean Water Program. This program's proposed \$300 million annual investment represents an unprecedented opportunity to train a new generation of workers to build and cultivate the projects we need to increase resilience to a changing climate. These investments are so needed – to address our water quality and water supply requirement, as well as to train the scores of recruits needed to replace retiring construction workers and public sector employees.

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC), has been committed to advancing communities through pathways to academic, career, and transfer success for nearly 100 years. The right workforce development program meets the employer's need for qualified and consistent personnel while providing opportunity to job-seekers. LATTC can speak to the success possible with the right faculty, partnerships, and student cohorts, building off of our diverse experiences and exemplary track record with labor partners, employers (including public agencies), and support-service programs.

We are very encouraged to see the County's leadership on this. We also encourage the County to continue to explore development of a specialized public sector maintenance team in partnership with high-standard workforce development programs to consistently and comprehensively maintain these projects. We are already working with the City of Los Angeles on strengthening the pipeline into these types of careers and look forward to expanding on that.

Our County needs these investments. We, especially our Construction, Maintenance and Utilities Pathway, are ready to partner with you to invest in our County – developing and training a new green infrastructure workforce to build and maintain these projects for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "John B. D.", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

President