

## **Public Comment Form**

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Meeting: <u>ULAR WASC</u>		Date: <u>1/9/2023</u>
LA County Public Works may contact me for clarification about my comments *Per Brown Act, completing this information is optional. At a minimum, please include an identifier so that you may be called upon to speak.		

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## **Comments**

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The project diverts, capture and reuses urban and stormwater runoff from the upstream 375-acre watershed. In addition, the Project reduces the amount of bacterial, toxic, and metal pollutants being discharged into Compton Creek, a tributary of the Los Angeles River, by intercepting and reusing the runoff along El Segundo Boulevard to replenish lake levels and supplement irrigation needs within the park.

In addition to improving water quality, the Project provides community enhancements such as a new community event center, a lakeside loop trail with scenic viewpoints and picnic tables and benches, a children 's splash pad, and wayfinding signage. The improvements provide valuable educational opportunities on sustainable development and increase public awareness of water quality, the benefits of the project, wise water usage, and water conservation.

Pacoima Beautiful fully supports this project and is excited to see the various benefits it brought to the community. If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at darmenta@pacoimabeautiful.org. Thank you for your consideration on this project.



January 5, 2023

Mr, Mark Lombos County of Los Angeles Public Works 1000 S. Fremont Ave. Alhambra, CA 91803

Re: Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park - Operation and Maintenance Project

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Sincerely,

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