



Dear Committee Members,

My name is Hector Huezo and I am writing to you on behalf of the Alliance of River Communities (ARC), 14 Neighborhood Councils along the Los Angeles River and Arroyo Seco who over the last several years has been a member of the Don't Waste LA Coalition. Our broad coalition has advocated for the transformation of LA's commercial and multi-family waste hauling system, which led to the city's passage of the Zero Waste LA exclusive franchise system.

The ARC was supportive of this effort and urged all of its member Neighborhood Councils to support the ordinance, specifically for the benefits that this overhaul would bring to our communities.

Zero Waste LA has the potential to bring guaranteed access to recycling for all Angelenos with stable rates and quality customer service. This new system will reduce negative impacts on the environment by helping our city achieve its goal to divert waste from dirty dumps, by taking dirty diesel trucks off the road, and by reducing truck traffic through efficient routes. By increasing our level of recycling, Zero Waste LA will also create new green jobs, and incentivize investment in green infrastructure to process new waste materials.

To reach the ambitious goals as laid out in the Zero Waste LA policy, we encourage you all to stay on course and to move forward with the recommendation of waste haulers made by the Bureau of Sanitation after an extensive two-year vetting process. We are confident that these companies have met the high standards that have been set in the ordinance that will make our city both a national and global leader when it comes to transforming the waste and recycling industry from dirty and dangerous into a clean and environmentally sustainable job hub that benefits all city residents.

The ARC hopes that this committee acts quickly to move forward with these recommendations that will improve the quality of life for communities across Los Angeles as well as lift working conditions for thousands of waste and recycling workers who are the frontlines, ensuring that our city is kept clean. Thank you for all your work on the Zero Waste LA Franchise System.

Sincerely,
Hector Huezo

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ATWATER VILLAGE

BOYLE HEIGHTS

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**ELYSIAN VALLEY
RIVERSIDE**

GLASSELL PARK

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ELYSIAN**

**HISTORIC HIGHLAND
PARK**

LA 32

LINCOLN HEIGHTS

LOS FELIZ

RAMPART VILLAGE

SILVER LAKE

The Alliance of River Communities represents a diverse swath of neighborhood councils and leaders from Los Feliz to El Sereno; and from Eagle Rock to Rampart Village and Echo Park.

The Los Angeles River and Arroyo Seco serve as symbols of what ties our communities together. ARC seeks to enhance and empower neighborhood council leaders and to increase the collective voice and influence of the neighborhoods they represent.

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