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Approved at 5:13, 2014 AVNC Board Meeting

AVNC's Community Impact Statement regarding the River Improvement Overlay

The AVNC opposes a vote on the proposed River Improvement Overlay Enabling Ordinance and the proposed Los Angeles River Improvement Overlay at this time.

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Torin Dunnivant
 Co-Chair
 Atwater Village Neighborhood Council

Item # 12-0096-S1

There are 3 attached supporting documents for this CIS.
 all documents are to be attached to the file.

- 1) A whereas, letter and resolution from the AVNC.
- 2) A letter of support from the AVCC
- 3) A letter of support form the AVRA

These documents have been faxed to the City Clerk at
 (213) 978-1079 on July 1,2014 at approximately 7am.



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June 30, 2014

ATWATER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RIVER IMPROVEMENT OVERLAY AND LOS ANGELES RIVER IMPROVEMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT
(Approved at the 6/30/2014 Special Board of Governors Meeting)

WHEREAS, Los Angeles' City Council is on the verge of voting to make The River Improvement Overlay Districts (RIO) and the Los Angeles River Improvement Overlay District (LA-RIO) part of the city's municipal code and these proposed ordinances will apply to ALL PROPERTY WITHIN ATWATER VILLAGE.

WHEREAS, The Planning and Land Use Management committee did not vote to approve the draft ordinances of the RIO and LA-RIO in January 2014 "to allow staff to reach out to the neighborhoods that would be most affected by the Ordinances" and has failed to provide any substantial information relating to the RIO and/or LA-RIO to the stakeholders of Atwater Village even though Atwater Village has repeatedly requested that the city hold a town hall for Atwater Village, which never materialized.

WHEREAS, An Overlay of this proportion and scale is significant and very impactful.

WHEREAS, Overlays can be implemented by either a 75% vote by property owners and leasees and or City Council vote.

WHEREAS, The RIO and LA-RIO are incomplete and undefined ordinances with respect to river design guidelines.

WHEREAS, The RIO and LA-RIO alter the regulations affecting a property owner's abilities to build on their own property and replaces defined rules with undefined, discretionary regulations.

WHEREAS, The RIO and LA-RIO include river design guidelines that will not be defined until after the RIO and LA-RIO are implemented and is law for the good people of Atwater Village.

WHEREAS, Those members of this community that have sought out answers in regards to understanding the RIO and LA-RIO without adequate response from the City Council, the City Planning Department, and other applicable agencies and representatives.

WHEREAS, The RIO and LA-RIO create several new layers of bureaucracy, procedures and cost and fees that are undefined.

WHEREAS, At least one private corporations abutting the River and within the RIO boundaries have been removed from the RIO and LA-RIO boundaries and been exempted from the impact of the RIO and LA-RIO, and private corporations do not vote whereas stakeholders of Atwater Village do.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council (AVNC) demands that this community be excluded from the RIO and LA-RIO boundaries. The AVNC further demands that – after a period of time not less than five years has passed for the RIO and LA-RIO to be implemented in other communities, and the effects of the RIO and LA-RIO are wholly understood by the stakeholders of Atwater Village, and after significant outreach -- then the RIO or a suitable variation can be implemented by a 75% vote by Atwater Village. If this action is not made a reality by our elected leaders, we the voter of Atwater Village will be denied the right to make decisions for ourselves as well as our trust in our City Council representative to do the same. We expect and require that our city representatives ensure that our community concerns are fully heard, considered, and acted upon.

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March 13, 2014

RE: Supplemental letter accompanying AVNC's Community Impact Statement for the River Improvement Overlay

To Whom It May Concern,

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council (AVNC) requests complete and detailed information on the proposed River Improvement Overlay Enabling Ordinance and the proposed Los Angeles River Improvement Overlay ordinance from the City of Los Angeles Planning Department, Planning Commission and any other City agency involved **well before** the Los Angeles City Council votes on either of these proposed ordinances.

While Atwater Village is entirely and wholly affected by both proposed ordinances, there has been no current outreach to Atwater Village residents, businesses or stakeholders regarding either ordinance. The zoning and municipal code changes in the proposed ordinances, if put in place, could have a lasting and impactful effect on *all stakeholders* in Atwater Village and should not be taken lightly by the Planning Commission or the City Council. This is especially true because overlay districts can only be created by City Council vote or when 75% of the owners and lessees within the proposed district sign an application for a new district.

This engagement process could include a "Town Hall" style meeting and/or presentation at AVNC board meeting that enables stakeholders to give feedback. We request a complete package of current and updated information on each ordinance, with all related and supporting documents including: (1) maps that clearly show what areas of Atwater Village the proposed ordinances affect such as where the inner and outer core begin and end, (2) Environmental Impact report(s) and Negative Declaration(s) or Mitigated Negative Declaration(s) for both ordinances; and (3) City Attorney opinions on all the above.

In addition, the AVNC requests information regarding design requirements, planting requirements, planned access points, defined corridors (such as feeder streets), access on private properties and liabilities. This package should also include potential cost and time increases for stakeholders.

Atwater Village has it's own history, identity and strong sense of community. Atwater Village is a river bordering community and supports the concepts of the proposed ordinances. Although it may not identify with the other communities included in the proposed ordinances. The LA RIO strives to cover 32 miles of vastly different communities with one set of rules and regulations

In conclusion, only when the above issues are addressed can the stakeholders participate in creating the above proposed ordinances that will have a substantial and everlasting impact on Atwater Village.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Torin Dunnivant and Courtney Morris
Co-Chairs
Atwater Village Neighborhood Council

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