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Honorable Members of the City Council
Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee

Re: Council File 13-1061, Re-appointment of Jill Banks Barad to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners

Honorable Members:

I am submitting this letter in support of the re-appointment of Jill Banks Barad to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners. I know Commissioner Barad from the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), where she is the Founder and Chair. She also was formerly the President of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council.

Commissioner Barad is tireless in the volunteer work she does to make Los Angeles a better city. Through VANC, she has been involved in issues relating to every aspect of the city. She is masterful at conducting VANC meetings in such a way to allow dozens of Neighborhood Council leaders to express their views, and then reaching consensus or taking a vote. When issues involving DWP have come up at VANC, she has demonstrated an extraordinary mastery of the issues, while patiently seeking input on those issues from Neighborhood Council representatives at the meeting.

Being the VANC liaison to the Department of Animal Services, I have worked with Commissioner Barad on animal welfare matters. She is genuinely committed to helping the animals of Los Angeles, and has been directly involved in several projects that have saved or will save the lives of hundreds of cats and dogs.

Commissioner Barad is exactly the type of person we need on our Commissions – committed, hard-working, knowledgeable, effective, and compassionate. I hope you will approve her re-appointment to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Mausner, Tarzana, CA

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(For identification Purposes)

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