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Summary: The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council Supports the Purchase and Remediation of the G2 Parcel.

As the largest parcel available in the ARBOR Study it has been referred to as a “lynch pin” by many leaders. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the City to acquire this parcel for LA River restoration, hydrology and public benefit. The Glendale Narrows and ARBOR Study offer the City a unique opportunity to create an urban river, which addresses hydrology, restoration and open space, while keeping the need and use of the LA River as flood control at the forefront.

Additionally, as the city moves forward in acquisition and future design of the G2 parcel and others noted in the ARBOR Study area, there will be an opportunity for increased flood channel capacity and reducing risks for riverfront communities, while simultaneously creating a unique and connected open space park along the Glendale Narrows section of the LA River for all Angelinos to safely access, use and enjoy.

We understand that the purchase, which uses public funds, will be a dedicated open space park area with low impact passive recreation centered on LA River restoration and hydrology. Mayor Garcetti has called it the “crown jewel” of open space along the Los Angeles River. This would require all other uses, private, public, commercial, etc. to be set aside now and in the future. Our support is based upon this premise; an unstated public contract with use of public funds, for this land to be used as open space dedicated to the ARBOR Study hydrology and restoration, while keeping LA River flood control as first priority.

The acquisition of the G2 parcel for the ARBOR Study purposes is the first of many steps on the path to envisioning a “new” future for the LA River, thereby creating a social, cultural and historic asset for the local communities, the City of Los Angeles and the State of California.

Thank you for supporting the LA River and Riverfront communities.



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January 12, 2017

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers and Mayor Garcetti,

Re: **Council File Number:** [13-1641](#)

Council File Title: Taylor Yard G2 Parcel / Union Pacific Railroad Company / Potential Acquisition

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Sincerely,

Edward Morrissey
Co-Chair

Courtney Morris
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Cc: LA County Supervisors Sheila Kuehl and Hilda Solis, U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff, CA State Assembly Laura Freidman, CA State Senators Anthony Portantino and Kevin DeLeon