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Date: 12-7-15
 Submitted in ARTS Committee
 Council File No: 14-0356
 Item No.: B
 Deputy: PUBLIC

Dear Honorable Councilmembers of the Arts, Parks and River Committee,

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council Board seeks your support in creating a Protected Wildlife area in the Los Angeles River from Los Feliz Boulevard to Fletcher Drive. The Board along with Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) would like to officially protect the habitats for the River wildlife by amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code for this area, similar to what created for the Sepulveda Basin (see attached ordinance), which would be known as The Atwater Village Wildlife Protection Corridor.

This area is located in the natural bottom section of the LA River, which is known as the Glendale Narrows. It has been included in the Army Corp's ARBOR Study, Rim of the Valley Study and is currently under study by The Nature Conservancy. All of which focus on hydrology, restoration of natural habitats and corridors for wildlife to flourish.

This location is a year round wildlife habitat for migration, breeding and feeding. There is an urgent need to provide protections as recreation zone expansions are being considered. The wildlife is enjoyed by all who come to the river and is a community asset to Atwater Village and the City of Los Angeles.

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

Torin Dunnavant
 Co-Chair

Courtney Morris
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CC: Mayor Garcetti, Sheila Kuehl, Friends of the Los Angeles River, US Army Corps of Engineers, The Nature Conservancy, Congressman Adam Schiff, LA Riverworks Program

Attached: FoLAR letter and Sepulveda Basin Amendment of LA Municipal Code to protect wildlife