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Re: Council File 15-0768 (Watershed Approach)

The Surfrider Foundation-West LA/Malibu Chapter strongly supports the watershed approach motion (15-0768) introduced by Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian. The motion's principles and objectives are directly in line with those of Surfrider's Ocean Friendly Gardens Program.

Urban runoff is the leading cause of ocean pollution. Runoff can be reduced by re-directing rain into gardens where it can provide landscape irrigation and add to

groundwater supplies. The motion addresses two critical components needed to transform the approach to landscaping:

- (1) City stakeholders coalescing behind a single approach
- (2) a set of standards.

We look forward to helping educate about and implement the motion once it passes.

Thank you for your consideration,

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