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The Honorable Paul Krekorian Chair, Budget & Finance Committee 200 North Spring Street, Room 435 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 16-600, Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2016-17

Dear Councilmember Krekorian:

Last year, the City Council unanimously approved Council File 14-0748, which instructed the Bureau of Sanitation to develop (1) an Ordinance that incorporates stormwater management checklist requirements for public right-of-way projects, and (2) a Stormwater Management Handbook for public-right-of way projects.

My office has been working with the Bureau of Sanitation and relevant departments on the development of a draft Ordinance. However, the development of the Handbook has been stalled by a lack of funding.

I respectfully request that the 2016-17 Budget include \$200,000 for the development of the Stormwater Management Handbook.

Implementation of the Handbook and Ordinance is critical for meeting mandated water quality standards and avoiding significant financial penalties for failing to do so. Adding green infrastructure to street projects will also increase local water capture and infiltration, providing multiple benefits to residents and ratepayers.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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