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April 24, 2008

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

As the representative of the 45<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District I believe in the importance of addressing storm water pollution prior to entering our rivers in order to keep our oceans clean and safe. As such, I am writing to ask for your support of the proposed Riverdale Avenue Green Street Project which has been submitted to the Coastal Conservancy by the Los Angeles Department of Public Works and Bureau of Engineering and is consistent with the Conservancy's mission of preserving, protecting and restoring the resources of the California coast.

A critical element of this project is its location immediately adjacent to the Los Angeles River which has an average daily flow rate (including storm flows) of approximately 330 million gallons of water per day to the Pacific Ocean. The proposed infiltration planter will capture runoff from approximately 14.6 acres of residential land providing volume and flow control and water quality benefits. Planters are designed to improve the existing urban streetscape by replacing existing grass with drought tolerant native landscaping. Additionally the project will include signage to educate the public about infiltration swales and protecting the Los Angeles River from polluted urban and storm water runoff.

I urge you to support this important demonstration project which will establish a replicable model for reducing the amount of storm water and urban runoff from entering our rivers and polluting our oceans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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KEVIN DE LEON  
Assistant Majority Leader  
45<sup>th</sup> Assembly District



**ERIC GARCETTI**

COUNCILMEMBER

PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

March 28, 2008

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for the Riverdale Avenue Green Street Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Coastal Conservancy's funding of the Riverdale Avenue Green Street Project by the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works.

Through the Department of Public Works' Green Streets Committee, the City is undertaking efforts to develop green street standards which will reduce storm water pollution, reduce runoff, and increase infiltration of runoff. The Riverdale Avenue Green Street project will provide the City a valuable opportunity to gain experience with a green street technology which could potentially be adopted as a street standard to be applied City-wide.

The location for this demonstration project was chosen by the Green Streets Committee due to its direct connection with the Los Angeles River and favorable soils. I expect that the project team will be sensitive to the needs of local residents in all phases of design and construction. I also recognize the advantage in allowing pedestrians and bicyclists to access the project and learn about the undertakings of the Coastal Conservancy and the City while enjoying the River and the many pocket parks along the River in Elysian Valley.

I commend the Coastal Conservancy in supporting this important early effort to transform Los Angeles to a greener and more sustainable city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti".

ERIC GARCETTI  
City Council President  
Councilmember, 13th District