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November 8, 2013

Mr. Kevin McKernan
Executive Officer
San Diego River Conservancy
1350 Front Street Suite 3024
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: San Diego River Discovery Center and Trail Project

Dear Mr. McKernan:

I am writing to express my support for The San Diego River Park Foundation's grant request to the San Diego River Conservancy for funding of the Discovery Center at Grant Park and Trail Project.

This project supports the extension of the regional San Diego River Trail on a 17-acre property in Mission Valley and helps advance the park and education center planned for the site. The community of Mission Valley is well below national standards for parkland it provides its residents. Situated along the San Diego River and densely populated, the Mission Valley community has few opportunities to create new parks and recreational opportunities such as the River Trail. This project will help to address this need.

The San Diego River Park Foundation has worked with the landowners, the Grant family, to secure a donation of this land, which has an estimated value of more than \$10 million in order to create something that is truly special. This Discovery Center at Grant Park promises to become a community treasure and a regional asset.

For these reasons and many more, I respectfully request that you give The San Diego River Park Foundation's grant application for the Discovery Center at Grant Park and Trail Project your full consideration.

Sincerely,



SUSAN A. DAVIS
Member of Congress

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October 31, 2013

Mr. Kevin McKernan
Executive Officer
San Diego River Conservancy
1350 Front Street Suite 3024
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: San Diego River Discovery Center and Trail Project

Dear Mr. McKernan:

This letter is in support the of the San Diego River Conservancy's grant for The San Diego River Park Foundation Discovery Center at Grant Park and Trail Project.

This project supports the extension of the regional San Diego River Trail on a 17 acre property in Mission Valley and helps advance the park and education center planned for the site. It is an exciting project which has been in development for many years through a number of community meetings and stakeholder discussions. The community of Mission Valley is well below national standards for the amount of parkland it provides its residents. This project will help to address this need. Since Mission Valley is the most urban and densely populated community along the San Diego River, there are few opportunities to create new parks and recreational opportunities such as the River Trail.

The San Diego River Park Foundation has worked with the landowners, the Grant Family, to secure a donation of this land which has an estimated value of more than \$10 million in order to create something that is truly special. This Discovery Center at Grant Park promises to become a community treasure and a regional asset.

I urge your favorable consideration of a grant to The San Diego River Park Foundation.

Warmly,

TONI ATKINS
Majority Leader
78th Assembly District

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RON ROBERTS

SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 4, 2013

Mr. Kevin McKernan
Executive Officer
San Diego River Conservancy
1350 Front Street, Suite 3024
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mr. McKernan:

It is my pleasure to strongly support the San Diego River Conservancy's consideration of a grant to The San Diego River Park Foundation for the Discovery Center at Grant Park and Trail Project.

This project supports the extension of the regional San Diego River Trail onto a 17 acre property in Mission Valley and helps advance the park and education center planned for the site. It is an exciting project that has been in development for many years and the topic of a great number of community meetings and stakeholder discussions. The community of Mission Valley is well below national standards for the amount of parkland available to residents. This project will help address that shortfall. Since Mission Valley is the most urban and densely populated community along the San Diego River, there are few opportunities to create new parks and recreational opportunities such as the River Trail.

The San Diego River Park Foundation has worked with the landowners, the Grant Family, to secure a donation of this property, which has an estimated value of more than \$10 million, in order to create something that is truly special. This Discovery Center at Grant Park promises to become a community treasure and a regional asset.

For these reasons and many more, I strongly support this project and your consideration of a grant to The San Diego River Park Foundation.

Sincerely,

RON ROBERTS
Supervisor, Fourth District
County of San Diego



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SEVENTH DISTRICT

Mr. Kevin McKernan
Executive Officer
San Diego River Conservancy
1350 Front Street Suite 3024

RE: San Diego River Discovery Center and Trail Project

Dear Mr. McKernan:

The San Diego River is an essential part of District 7 and an invaluable asset to our community. This is why I strongly support the San Diego River Conservancy's consideration of a grant to the San Diego River Park Foundation for the Discovery Center and Trail Project at Grant Park.

As you are aware, this is a revitalization project that has been in the works for many years and supports the extension of the regional San Diego River Trail on a seventeen acre property in Mission Valley. Not only will this help improve the park area, it will help advance an education center planned for the site. The Mission Valley community is significantly below the national standards for the amount of parkland it provides its residents, and this project will help address the need that exists there.

I strongly encourage this effort which will help create new parks, introduce new recreational areas, create innovative educational opportunities, and expand the San Diego River Trail. In addition, it is an excellent way to create new open space for the residents of the densely populated community of Mission Valley.

I am grateful for the work that the San Diego River Park Foundation has done in securing the land for this project, which has an estimated \$10 million value. As a result, we would have the opportunity to create something to be treasured by our residents for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration. As always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Sherman'.

Scott Sherman

Councilmember -District 7

