



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 13, 2023

Subject: Support for Potrero Canyon Park Lateral Trail Budget Request for \$2.25M (Coastal Access)

Hon. Karen Bass, Los Angeles Mayor

Hon. Traci Park, L.A. City Councilmember, Council District 11

Dear Mayor Bass and Councilmember Park,

The Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based, representative voice of Pacific Palisades since 1973. We have recently seen the opening of George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon (GWPPC) (December 10, 2022) and are now proudly the host community for this beautiful new regional passive park.

In its 2014 amendment to the governing Coastal Permit, the Coastal Commission required construction of a trail for coastal access to begin at the foot of the riparian parkland and extend along the toe of the hillside, along Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), to the crosswalk located at Temescal Canyon Road and PCH - providing safe passage from the park to the water's edge. This "Lateral Trail" was estimated by the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to cost approximately \$1.5M when it was first conceived. However, now that the park has opened and they look ahead to planning for the design and implementation phase of the trail, City engineers estimate that the trail will cost closer to \$3.4M. At the end of 2022, \$1.15M of that cost was secured by our then Congressman, Ted Lieu, through the Congressional Omnibus Bill.

In 2022, BOE submitted a budget request to the City for the full \$3.4M to complete the Lateral Trail. With the award of \$1.15M from Congress, they revised their request asking only for the shortfall of \$2.25M. We write in support of that request, and ask that you urgently fund this item in your 2023 budget, before prices rise even further and place this CCC required element of this beautiful regional park out of reach.

With warm regards,

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PPCC President