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From: Greg Gunther <greg.b.gunther@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 03, 2018 8:18 AM
To: Tornek, Terry; Hampton, Tyron; McAustin, Margaret; John Kennedy; Masuda, Gene; De La Cuba, Vannia; Madison, Steve; Wilson, Andy
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Agenda Item #14 > SUPPORT Transition to Create an Arroyo Verdugo COG

Dear Mayor and City Council Members -

I am the Chair of Pasadena's Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) - and in that role, I attended the 2/1 meeting of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority (AVCJPA). I was present for a variety of reasons, including:

- Follow-up on TAC's recent vote to serve as Pasadena's forum for public participation in the Measure M Participation Plan
- High level of general interest in the management of future Measure M funding resources
- Specific desire to understand the process around timing and prioritization of transportation projects

In that light, Item #14 on Monday's City Council Agenda caught my eye ("Future Participation in the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments").

I personally believe that the City of Pasadena should begin work to transition the AVCJPA into a separate Council of Governments and urge your support for that alternative.

- The tri-cities (Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena) reflect a "natural cohort group of peers" for us - quite different than the mix of SGVCOG municipalities - and as a result:
 - We have inherently shared interests and priorities
 - Our governance issues and social challenges carry the same proportionate weight
 - We can share comparable skills sets for solutions development (with regard to staff expertise, project management and administration)
- What's more:
 - Pasadena has greater agreement with the tri-cities on many of the major local issues we are facing (such as opposition to the 710 Tunnel)
 - And, as reflected by our many joint investments, it's clear that our economic interests are more naturally aligned

Looking to the future, an Arroyo Verdugo COG can provide Pasadena with the greatest value - establishing a body that will most effectively maximize our resources and advocate for our interests.

Thank you for your consideration,
// Greg Gunther

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Pasadena Group

February 5, 2018

TO: The Arroyo Advisory Group

The Pasadena Group of the Sierra Club strongly supports the One Arroyo Vision for the Arroyo Seco. We support maintaining and enhancing the natural values of the Arroyo, especially the Lower Arroyo and Hahamongna Watershed Park. We support the vision's end-to-end trail system throughout the Arroyo with trail repair and connections, consistent and appropriate signage, and facilities such as restrooms.

The Arroyo Seco is a valuable nearby, easy-to-access resource to introduce walkers, hikers, and equestrians to the natural world. The Pasadena Group leads hikes in the Arroyo Seco on a regular basis. One series of hikes, Evenings in the Arroyo, includes biweekly evening hikes in April, May, and June, from 7-9 pm. These hikes start at the riding stables in South Pasadena and continue up the trails on the east and west sides to the Colorado Street Bridge and the natural channel beyond the bridge and back.

A second group of hikes includes a longer route starting from the Casting Pond and ending in Hahamongna Watershed Park. These day-long hikes occur once or twice on Saturdays during the spring and fall seasons and are called Spring in the Arroyo and Fall in the Arroyo. All the hikes described here are published online and in print by the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter as well as in the Pasadena Group's online newsletter, *The Arroyo View*.

In addition, the Pasadena Group has led hikes in recent years to explore the Devil's Gate Dam area to update our members and other participants on the Big Dig effort to remove sediment behind the dam. We support the position of the city, the Arroyo Seco Foundation, and the Pasadena Audubon Society that the project proposed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works should be scaled back, with a reduction in the amount of sediment to be removed and reduction of truck trips to accomplish this task.

Our leaders are familiar with the trails in the Arroyo Seco and are happy to offer suggestions for routes, repairs, signage, and facilities. Please feel free to contact me at ginnyh@ix.netcom.com or 626-793-4727.

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Rose Bowl Riders Mailing Address: PO Box 533, Pasadena, CA 91102

City of Pasadena City Council Members
Attention: Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
City Hall, 100 N. Garfield St
Pasadena, CA 91109

February 2, 2018

Dear Council Members:

I am writing in support of the Arroyo Advisory Group's "One Arroyo" vision and trail project.

Rose Bowl Riders has existed in the Arroyo for over 70 years, and derived its name from its early members' tradition of riding from the Upper Arroyo Seco past the Devil's Gate Dam to the restaurant at the Rose Bowl. This tradition endures to this day, and maintaining and improving trails within the Arroyo is critical to preserving the region's equestrian heritage in an era of relentless urbanization.

The AAG's goal to preserve, enhance and connect an end to end trail system in the Arroyo will benefit equestrians and other citizens who enjoy sharing the trails with these beautiful animals.

Our all-volunteer, community equestrian facility is part of the Pasadena Equestrian Center, along with our neighbors MACH1 and Tom Sawyer Camps in Pasadena's Hahamongna Watershed Park. Our mission is to connect people to horses and nature through responsible horsemanship, education and public outreach. We strive to coexist responsibly and sustainably within the Park and to adhere to Pasadena's Arroyo Seco Master Plan and other environmental principles. Rose Bowl Riders serves hundreds of Pasadena residents annually with affordable riding lessons, educational field trips and horsemanship programs, clinics and all levels of scout projects.

We are proud to call the beautiful Arroyo Seco home and are excited about the One Arroyo initiative!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ingrid McConnell".

Ingrid McConnell
President, Rose Bowl Riders

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February 2, 2018

Michael Shanklin
Kidspac Children's Museum
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Pasadena City Council
100 Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Pasadena City Council Members,

Thank you for the long hours you put in to make our community a better place, for your careful consideration to key strategic issues, and above all else, your efforts to meet and balance the needs of all. From the very beginning of the Arroyo Advisory Group (AAG), I have been personally involved, seeing the value of a centralized effort to coordinate Arroyo activity. After participating in AAG meetings with Kidspac, general stakeholder meetings, Walks with the Mayor, and One Arroyo Day, I am pleased to provide my support to the concept of improving, uniting, and focusing the One Arroyo concepts. While I understand the full concept will be an iterative process, I plan on staying involved and would love to be included in future meetings and leadership opportunities.

The challenge now becomes managing expectations and focusing on results. If I may be of service in either of these areas, I hope you, the City Council and the leaders of the AAG will call on me. Kidspac found an incredible home in the Arroyo and we are proud to share it with all of Southern California. I am at your service and look forward to working with you, the AAG, and the Arroyo based nonprofits to make the One Arroyo concept a reality.

Best,

Michael Shanklin
Chief Executive Officer
Kidspac Children's Museum

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From: Tamara Silver <silverfam@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Support for One Arroyo

Dear Mark,

I am in complete and whole-hearted support of the Arroyo Advisory Group's vision to improve and enhance the trails in the Arroyo. I believe the improved signage and various trail improvements the AAG is recommending will provide lasting benefits to our Pasadena community and are an excellent use of city staff and fiscal resources.

Thank you,

Tammy Silver
President, Oak Knoll Neighborhood Association*

*For identification purposes only. This is not an endorsement by the Oak Knoll Neighborhood Association.

Novelo, Lilia

From: Ronnie Blaszczyk <ronnie.a.blaszczyk@macys.com>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 10:40 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Arroyo

Hello,

I am a resident of Pasadena and enjoy walking or running in the Arroyo Seco. It's a beautiful space and is a mini-vacation in the morning to start off the day or to relax after a busy day at the office. I understand that the AAG will deliver their report to the city council soon. I will be traveling and unable to attend the 2/5 city council meeting, but support the AAG and have been happy with the outreach. I had the pleasure of walking with the mayor in the Upper Arroyo! It was very educational and the take-away was significant. I followed up and completed the survey, support the vision and the trail connections. Excited that you are looking for long term solutions to manage and fund the Arroyo and hope that the AAG will be able to continue its work.

Thank you.

Novelo, Lilia

From: John Favre <johnfavre@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 6:00 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Arroyo Seco—for Monday's Council Meeting

Re: Arroyo Seco

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Congratulations on a great proposal.

The Arroyo has become a fraying remnant of a natural paradise, and I had anticipated a slick brochure calling for a gilding of the golden enterprises around the Rose Bowl and a patching of tattered trails at both ends, the inertia model based on tight budgets. But this offers a way to make the Arroyo, again, a worthy destination in itself.

As acknowledged, the challenge now is to execute the plan in our lifetimes. Seeing what is possible is a good way to encourage local support.

And thanks to HR&A Consulting and the Arroyo Advisory Group.

John Favre
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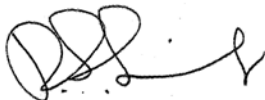
Re: February 5, 2018 Agenda Item 10: Arroyo Advisory Group

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I have followed with great interest the efforts underway by a number of parties to examine many aspects the Arroyo Seco and what might be done to ensure that this resource provides the maximum benefit to the city and residents while adhering to principles that have always been important to Pasadena.

The Arroyo Advisory Group (AAG) has been a key player in these efforts. I fully support their efforts and approach to contributing to this endeavor as exemplified by the One Arroyo connected and the end-to-end trail system that would address restoration of degraded trails and rock walls.

Sincerely,



Ross S. Selvidge, Ph.D.
Pasadena, California

Jomsky, Mark

From: Mary Dee Romney <rmarydee@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 7:59 AM
To: Mary Dee Romney
Subject: One Arroyo Tonight, Still No Maintenance

Bill Bogaard now has made it clear that "maintenance" will NOT be the charge of Arroyo Advisory Group/One Arroyo effort:

<http://www.pasadenanow.com/main/one-arroyo-group-readies-demonstration-projects-for-city-council-asks-for-funds-tonight/#.Wnhyq-eIaUk>

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"The purpose of the new nonprofit," continued Bogaard, "will not include maintenance responsibilities at this point in time, but we've seen in other situations where a private non-profit has been formed to support public parks and over time, their duties have been expanded as they have proved the ability to raise money and to handle other responsibilities relating to the park. I would say that our community should understand that."

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The "Streamside Project" presently proposed by the Arroyo Advisory Group was done already - in the mid-90's - as mitigation by BMI for the expansion of the Sunshine Landfill.

Later analysis of project performance was positive:

<http://www.arroyoseco.org/PS/LAAnlys.pdf>

The project is happening again because maintenance was neglected.

Public comment prioritizing "maintenance" in the Arroyo is no joke, as I posted yesterday from the consultant report:

"Responses from the public survey show priority preference for *maintenance* (49.6%) with *amenities* ranked much lower (22.0%)."

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Mary Dee

Jomsky, Mark

From: Sharon Scull <s.scull@att.net>
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 12:04 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Update on AAG re efforts to enhance the Arroyo Seco, Agenda item 10, City Council meeting 02/05/2018

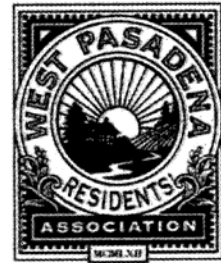
AAG's proposed efforts to steward the Arroyo Seco are commendable. So is the City's foresight in allocating "seed money" to ensure that the Arroyo Seco remains a natural resource, untouched by further development, that runs through several communities. The end-to-end trail system can be used by human hikers and also serve as a wildlife corridor. This stewardship complements the efforts of local conservation groups that are determined to preserve open space in sensitive urban lands. The City should work in concert with these various conservation groups and should do everything possible to protect and preserve additional open spaces in Pasadena to partially compensate for the paucity of parks.

I hope the Council will encourage AAG and other conservation groups by supporting more conservation efforts in Pasadena.

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February 5, 2018

Via E-Mail

To: Pasadena Mayor Tornek and City Council
Re: **Arroyo Advisory Group Recommendations** (Item 10 on City Council Agenda for Feb 5, 2018)

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council:

The West Pasadena Residents' Association (WPRA) represents over 7000 households with over 1000 paid members in neighborhoods adjoining the Arroyo Seco. The future character of the Arroyo is of paramount importance to our members, the City of Pasadena, and to the many other users who enjoy this iconic resource.

We strongly agree with Mayor Terry Tornek—there is a need to reexamine how the disparate activities in the Arroyo are managed and how governance of the Arroyo can be better unified. More importantly, much of the Arroyo has been neglected, especially in the sections that do not feature concentrated recreational activities. The Arroyo itself—and not just the embedded uses and users of the Arroyo—needs to be taken care of, treated better, with funding streams identified to do that. Before any new amenities are added, the restoration and maintenance of the natural areas must be given priority. As the mayor and the AAG have each noted, there are in excess of \$88 million in proposed projects that have not been undertaken or funded.

We concur in concept with AAG's initially selected project: a connected trail system that will allow easy and well-guided access to all three sections of Pasadena's reach of the Arroyo. Providing better trail access—then adding, where possible, coincident restoration, maintenance, and improvement of the adjoining Arroyo stream corridor itself-- would be a quite valuable start, setting up the possibility of longer term changes. We look forward to commenting on the specific details of the proposal as it emerges.

The WPRA is concerned, however, that proposals to further commercialize uses of the Arroyo are not appropriate and will detract further from, and interfere with, the values that have historically characterized the Arroyo. Any further commercial development of and structural intrusions to the Arroyo, including signage, should be subject to clear standards and careful review with adequate opportunity for community and wider public comment.

The AAG should advocate for potential funding sources to implement naturalization projects and should recommend that the City increase financial and staff resources to implement those priorities in the Arroyo. The Arroyo Seco is a natural stream course, much modified, but yet an extremely valuable ecological and recreational asset of the communities through which it wends on its way to the confluence with the Los Angeles River. Many previous studies and opinion surveys have focused on restoring, improving and maintaining the natural character of the Arroyo. We agree with the core conclusions of those studies, and believe that a cardinal priority of the AAG should be to identify longer term projects that will provide better structured and managed public access so that the native stream of the Arroyo Seco can be enjoyed by the public while restoring and maintaining the connected habitat for species that depend on its existence.

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We believe that the AAG should endorse a city-county partnership to increase storm water recharge in the Arroyo Seco. As a natural stream, the Arroyo needs water to support recreation, habitat and esthetic values. Flowing water in the stream has dwindled, while Pasadena continues to use scarce drinking water to irrigate its golf courses and public areas. Retaining and recycling Pasadena's storm water runoff and waste water streams for aquifer recharge and use in irrigating landscape areas, sharing a portion of that new source of water to maintain and create habitat in the Arroyo Seco, should be a priority recommendation of the AAG. However, we understand that the City is in a dispute with the City of Los Angeles over the use of Pasadena's wastewater. The AAG should press Pasadena to favorably resolve this dispute at an early date to increase available water resources that could be shared by the Arroyo. Moreover, the recent decision by the County supervisors on the Devil's Gate Dam project included a recommendation that the City and County explore storm water capture from the dam reservoir for recharge in the existing spreading basins.

The AAG should endorse the City's involvement in a collaborative process which should generate both sediment removal and restarting the *Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study* to restore and enhance the Arroyo, but open up funding possibilities as well. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (FCD) proposed sediment removal project, newly revised and improved by county supervisor action, included a commitment by the county to fund a restart of the stalled *Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study*, a partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, begin in 2005.

On a less positive note, the FCD plan would still unnecessarily destroy many of the recreational and natural values of an important area of the upper Arroyo. A less-destructive alternative sediment removal plan, twice approved by the City, was only partially adopted by the vote of the supervisors on the FCD plan. We urge the AAG and the City of Pasadena to continue to press FCD and the supervisors to support implementation of the Pasadena plan to reduce the significant community and ecological impacts of the sediment removal project.

Lastly, the AAG should establish fire safety as a priority recommendation. The dead and dying vegetation that has built up all along the Arroyo during our recent drought years is a clear and present fire hazard. The City has recently begun clearing away dead trees, brush and other debris, which we applaud. As one example, water to the Browning Ferris Industries stream diversion area was cut off, and much of the vegetation in that corridor has died and become tinder in the summer. This represents a real fire risk to our community. The City's work of selectively cutting dead trees and clearing brush while preserving habitat should be continued.

We appreciate the opportunity as a fully engaged voice of the community to comment on these important issues, and would like to discuss further our ideas with the AAG at a convenient time in the near future.

Sincerely,

Kenyon Harbison

Kenyon Harbison
President, West Pasadena Residents' Association

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Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy	http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/
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Date: February 5, 2018

To: City Councilmembers

RE: Support for Elements of Arroyo Advisory Group Recommendations (Agenda Item #10)

I support the AAG's efforts to unify the Arroyo Seco and the diligent outreach efforts that have been made. Any monies appropriated should focus on linking the trails and improving safety without disrupting the natural habitat.

Like many of the survey respondents, I only visit the Arroyo occasionally, or monthly at best. The main reason that I do not visit more often is that I find it too busy and often chaotic. There is an inherent friction between the natural habitat and the recreational uses that needs to be addressed before any investment plan can be contemplated.

I hike in Eaton Canyon, Mt. Lowe, or Millard Canyon because they are truly natural with a low risk of being hit by flying projectile! For recreation I ride my bike through the Arroyo to Linda Vista and La Canada because the Rose Bowl loop is confusing with cars, bikes, people, and dogs moving in every direction. Lastly, the traffic and events make it an unpredictable and unreliable place to recreate.

Specifically, my comments on the Guiding Principles and One Arroyo Trail Final Report are as follows:

- **Guiding Principles** – I do not support principles #2 (entertainment) and #6 (generating funding). The entertainment and revenue generating opportunities already occur INSIDE the Rose Bowl and can occur elsewhere in the City to prevent further congestion in the Arroyo. The two uses, natural habitat and recreation, already create enough friction that entertainment should not be added to this mix.
- **Final Report** – I support Trail Concept # 1 ("Connect"), especially the elements that improve safety and connectivity: Trail Connectivity Improvements, Arroyo Crossings. The following elements are challenging as they have the potential to negatively impact the natural habitat of the arroyo: Gateways & Entries, Information Stands, Engagement Opportunities, and Special Arroyo Areas. Lastly, parking amenities should continue to be limited to encourage carpooling and alternative modes of transportation.

Please preserve the natural habitat areas of the Arroyo Seco, separate the recreational activities from the natural habitat, and implement measures to improve the overall safety of both activities. Thanks!

Felicia Williams
Council District 2

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February 5, 2018

BY EMAIL TO CITY CLERK

Mayor Terry Tornek and City Council
100 Garfield Ave
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Agenda Item No. 10: Update on Arroyo Advisory Group and Action to Support Efforts to Enhance and Improve Arroyo Seco

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council:

I support the City's efforts to improve the Arroyo Seco and encourage the Council to adopt the Staff's recommendation to appropriate \$100,000 from the undesignated General Fund balance to the RBOC "One Arroyo Project."

As with many children who grow up in and around Pasadena, the Arroyo Seco played a central role in my childhood experience and I was very fortunate to enjoy the natural habitats and recreational resources that it has to offer—exploring in the Berkshire Creek, hiking on the trails in and around Hahamongna Watershed Park, attending Tom Sawyer Camp, playing little league games and disc golf at Oak Grove, perfecting parallel parking in the Rose Bowl parking lot, playing AYSO at Area H (Rose Bowl), golfing at Brookside Golf Course, swimming at the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center, learning to fly cast at the Casting Pond, and (of course) attending concerts and games at the Rose Bowl.

As an adult, I continue to enjoy many of these activities. I am also fortunate to see my children have the same wholesome, outdoor experiences that I did when I was their age.

The Arroyo Seco is truly an invaluable and timeless resource for the City and its residents. It is our connection to nature and each other. We should do everything we can to preserve it for today and for future generations.

Sincerely yours,


Phil Hosp

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Jomsky, Mark

From: howard.tan@gmail.com on behalf of Howard Tan <Howard@ogdgc.org>
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 12:29 PM
To: Lauren Loadvine; Jomsky, Mark; igor.koltunov@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Support AAG at Feb. 5th City Council Meeting

Dear Mark Clark,

Oak Grove Disc Golf Club, a Pasadena 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Charitable Organization, would like to support One Arroyo's Vision of connecting the disjointed areas of the Arroyo Seco. In support of the One Arroyo's effort, we have actively participated in the One Arroyo Day by presenting what is Disc Golf. We feel that any push to put more users in the Arroyo Seco is a win for everyone in the park.

Oak Grove Disc Golf Course is located in the upper Arroyo Seco, and is world famous as being the first disc golf course. Disc Golf was created in the 1970's and has gain popularity worldwide. There are over 6,000 course around the world with over 12 million people who have played disc golf. Disc Golf is a great outdoor activity that can be enjoyed by anyone at any fitness level or age. Disc golf also has a very low impact to other users of the park as well as the park's natural resources. Disc Golf is great for mixed use parks and open spaces like the Arroyo Seco.

As an organization, we have an army of dedicated volunteers and would love to see the City of Pasadena be as excited as we are. We hope that endorsing the One Arroyo's Vision will help fund some of the much needed efforts to restore the flora (like the Oak Trees) that make Oak Grove Disc Golf Course challenging and enjoyable.

If you have any questions about our organization, please do not hesitate in contact me.

Take care,
Howard Tan
Founder and President of the Oak Grove Disc Golf Club
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Mayor Terry Tornek and Members of the City Council
City of Pasadena
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RE: Support for AAG and the One Arroyo Project

Dear Mayor Tornek and Council Members:

On behalf of Pasadena Heritage, it is my pleasure to express support for the work of the Arroyo Advisory Group and the One Arroyo Project.


We agree that the One Arroyo concept and trail project are the right focal points and that they will inspire good planning and creative thinking about the Arroyo going forward. We support the selection of one or two pilot projects to demonstrate how the existing trails can be improved and made more appealing, user friendly, and better connected. A pilot project can also serve as an initial fund-raising nexus, and the proposed formation of a non-profit organization to solicit, receive and oversee private and foundation funding is a logical next step.

We especially appreciate that careful study and attention were given to the existing Arroyo Master Plans that represent so much work and community participation. Though much work remains in order to refine and expand upon the AAG's accomplishments to date, we believe that this is a worthwhile endeavor that will significantly benefit Pasadena's greatest open space and thus the entire community.

On a personal note, I was very pleased to be asked to be part of the AAG, have enjoyed the opportunity to serve, and have learned a great deal. The Arroyo contains many individual historic sites and is, itself, an invaluable historic resource as well as a natural and recreational haven in our increasing urban environment. Among the many ideas that have emerged through this process, I sincerely hope that a central Arroyo office and a robust volunteer program can be implemented.

Pasadena Heritage hopes you will find tonight's presentation informative and inspirational, and that the Council will be allocate the requested funds and other resources necessary to continue this effort. There is much still to be done to plan for and achieve the future that the Arroyo deserves.

Sincerely yours,


Susan N. Mossman
Executive Director

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