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Support for Albion Dairy Proposition K Project

Dear Mr. Drucker:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy supports the Proposition K Albion Dairy Project proposed by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The proposed project includes improvements for new park and recreational features within the Downey Recreation Center in the park-poor Lincoln Heights area. We understand that the grant proposal envisions active recreation features such as basketball courts, baseball field, and outdoor gaming table area, with improved lighting, walkways, landscaping and access to the Downey Childcare Center.

This proposed project is one component of what will become the Albion Riverside Park, combining the Downey Recreation Center with an adjacent 6.3 acres of new parkland along the Los Angeles River. The Conservancy has long been engaged in efforts to enhance the river to provide nature in the city with public access amenities, natural stormwater treatment, and outdoor recreational opportunities. The city's acquisition of the Albion Dairy site, with 6.3 acres of riverside frontage, presents a tremendous opportunity.

The Proposition K Albion Dairy Project is worthy of your consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
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