

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Pacoima Wash Planning & Design	Amount of Request: \$300,000					
Applicant Name: Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc.	Total Project Cost: \$300,000 Matching Funds: \$0					
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Grantee's Authorized Representative:

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Overhead Allocation Notice:

- Any overhead costs will be identified as a separate line item in the budget and invoices.
- The Conservancy encourages grantees to reduce overhead costs including vehicle and phone expenses.
- The overhead allocation policy has been submitted prior to, or with, the grant application.

Outreach and Advertising Requirement:

- Applicant has read the staff report and board resolution regarding contract policies.
- Applicant has adopted contract policies for the purpose of increasing outreach and advertising to disadvantaged businesses and individuals.

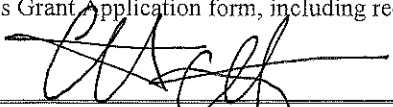
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Brief Project Description:
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Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
Task 1. Research Current Conditions	\$21,000.00	2 months
Task 2. Develop Engagement Plan	\$18,000.00	1 month
Task 3. Rollout Engagement Activities	\$48,800.00	4 months
Task 4. Develop Design and Construction Documentation	\$212,200.00	11 months

For Acquisition Projects: APN(s): N/A
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I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signature of Authorized Representative  *Date* 8/30/19

Proposition 68 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Competitive Grant Application

Pacoima Wash Project Planning and Design

NARRATIVE

Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) and Pacoima Beautiful request grant funding through the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program to implement the next phase of its Pacoima Wash Vision Plan by securing funding for the planning and design of a new greenway and open space in the southern segment of the Pacoima Wash. The Project Area, defined in detail below, includes several undeveloped parcels along the channelized Pacoima Wash. Designing and creating this open space will improve access to recreation and active transportation options for a severely disadvantaged community; connect people to an expanding greenway and trail system, reintroduce native habitats lost to channelization, sequester greenhouse gases, and improve water quality by capturing, treating, and detaining stormwater where possible.

Currently, the project site includes several adjacent parcels owned by the County of Los Angeles and the nearby neighborhood homeowner's association. The site also is adjacent to an open space project currently under development by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). KDI is seeking funding on behalf of Pacoima Beautiful to for planning and design services to engage diverse stakeholders, explore pathways to site acquisition, and create concept plans and design and construction documentation for this new open space.

Pacoima Beautiful is well-positioned to leverage its existing local network of stakeholders, community leaders, and municipal partners and seeks to develop site plans to demonstrate project readiness to potential partners to move this vision plan forward through to implementation. Pacoima Beautiful will collaborate with KDI, an internationally-recognized leader in community-led design, to lead a community-design and engagement process for the project, and to produce design concepts and construction documents for the new open space based on direct input and design guidance from residents and project stakeholders. KDI will lead the design and implementation of the community-led design process and the creation of all design development documents. Pacoima Beautiful will lead outreach and promotion and will serve as community liaison.

Process

KDI has extensive experience partnering with residents in under-resourced communities to assess needs and develop open space designs. For the Pacoima Wash project, KDI will convene residents, community partners, and other stakeholders for a series of 3-7 community events and workshops designed to bring a diverse range of voices and input to the table. During concept design, KDI will engage residents to articulate a community narrative, and identify needs and park features to address those needs that fit within budget and space constraints. This process will result in a concept plan that all participants vote to further develop. From there,

KDI will design the site plan and park features, as well as a schematic set of documents for initial costing, incorporating sustainability and maintenance considerations into the plan.

During the next phase of the project, KDI will define the construction techniques and material choices for the site to create a harmonious design that fits the community's character and connects to the neighboring MRCA in development. KDI will produce construction plans inclusive of a grading plan, drainage plan, planting plan, and site details. In the final phase of the project, KDI will produce detailed construction plans, detail drawings, and specifications for all the finalized amenities and features selected and co-designed by residents. Additionally, KDI will work to create a final construction budget that Pacoima Beautiful can use to explore pathways towards aligning project ownership and source funding for future site acquisition and development.

A detailed sequence of project tasks can be found on the following page, along with estimated completion times per task. A budget is provided for each of the subtasks.

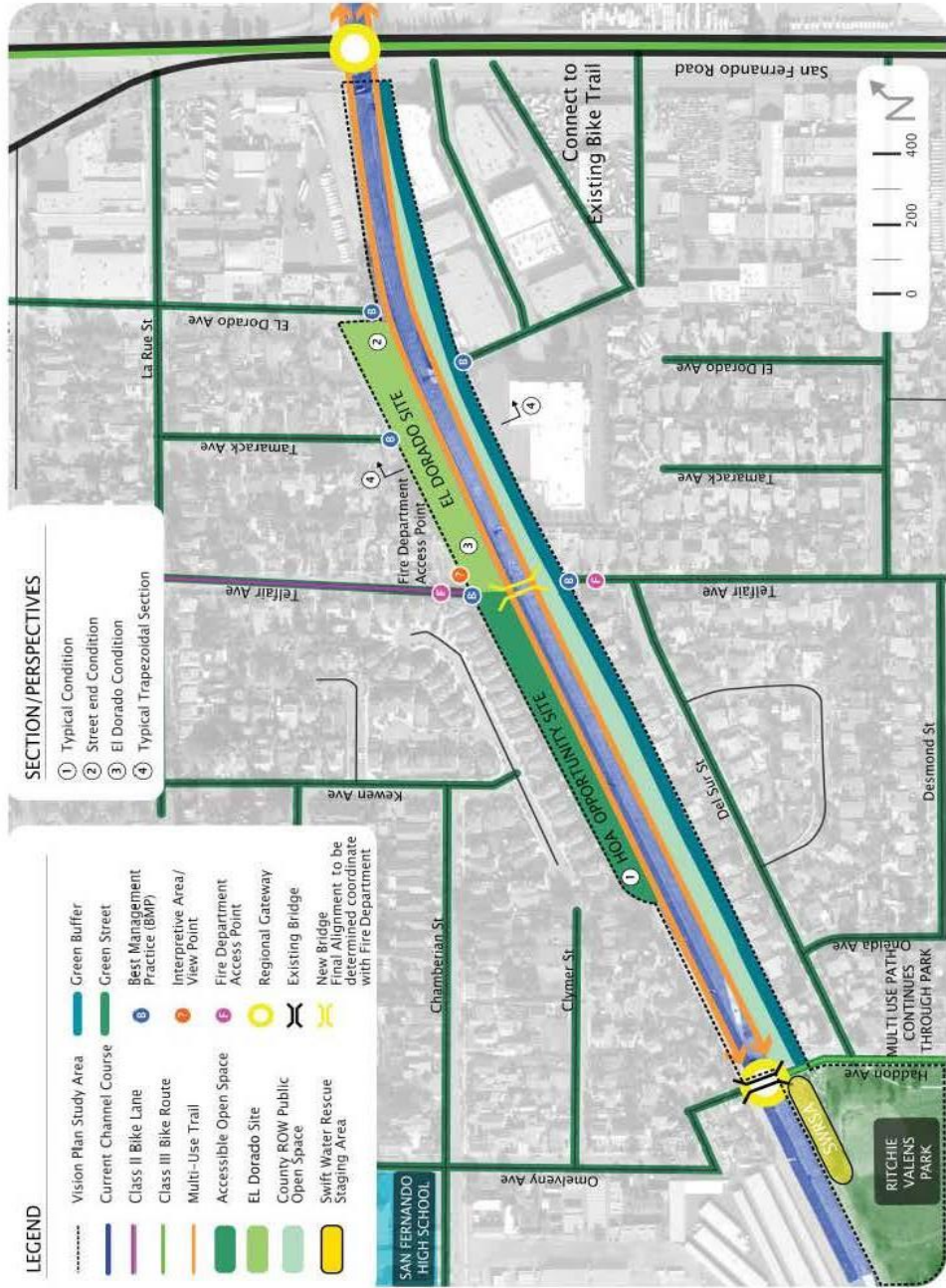
Description of Project Area

The Pacoima segment of the Pacoima Wash, located between Haddon Avenue and San Fernando Road, has tremendous potential to connect the surrounding neighborhoods with a vital new green space. The areas around this portion of the Wash are disconnected from each other by several barriers such as Interstate 5 and the 118 Freeway, the San Fernando Road railroad tracks, and the Pacoima Wash channel itself. One pedestrian bridge is located at Haddon Avenue, connecting Paxton Park with the neighborhoods to the north.

The channel corridor is fenced at potential entry points and many adjacent property owners have constructed block walls. The fenced right-of-way and some of the areas adjacent have become a "no-man's land" with illegal dumping, vandalism, and graffiti. Despite the unwelcoming nature of the existing conditions, children and young adults often walk within the Pacoima Wash right-of-way, many choosing this option to avoid the otherwise long, circuitous path to their homes. In fact, Pacoima Beautiful has found that over 300 students on average use the pedestrian bridge at Haddon Avenue on a daily basis.

The Wash between Haddon Ave and San Fernando Road crosses through multiple jurisdictions, including privately owned land ('HOA Opportunity Site'), land being developed by MRCA ('El Dorado Site'), land owned by LA County, and additional flood easements (see plan on page 5 for reference). Our proposed project will first seek to more deeply understand parcel ownership and work to create partnerships with each of these entities. While our focus for design will be on the HOA Opportunity Site, we also will evaluate the other side of the Wash to understand the potential to create additional open space in future phases of the project. We will also work closely with MRCA to connect seamlessly with the El Dorado Site.

**PACOIMA WASH VISION PLAN,
 PACOIMA SEGMENT**



The HOA Opportunity Site is currently a vacant parcel adjacent to the Wash, and owned and maintained by a local homeowners association. This parcel, when combined with the El Dorado parcel lying directly upstream would create a large recreation area that could be connected via a multi-use path.

BUDGET

The proposed grant request to the Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program is for a total of \$300,000. A division of labor and budget can be found in the Scope of Work table below.

Pacoima Wash Design Development - Prop 68			
Scope of Work (total timeline: 18 months)		KDI	Pacoima Beautiful
Task 1. Research Current Conditions (2 months)			
1.1	Identify and meet with key stakeholders and community groups	\$1,280.00	\$3,200.00
1.2	Conduct site visits	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
1.3	Convene community advisory group	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Overhead (12%)	\$720.00	\$1,800.00
Total Fee for Task 1		\$6,000.00	\$15,000.00
Task 2. Develop Design Engagement Plan (1 month)			
2.1	Identify meeting locations, community hubs	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
2.2	Develop engagement timeline, sequence of events: Phase 1: Re-evaluating Vision Plan, Discussing Community Priorities	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	Phase 2: Developing Concept Designs with Community		
	Phase 3: Refining/Finalizing Design		
2.3	Design Engagement activities	\$7,680.00	\$2,160.00
	Overhead (12%)	\$1,320.00	\$840.00
Total Fee for Task 2		\$11,000.00	\$7,000.00
Task 3. Rollout Design Engagement Activities (4 months)			
3.1	Coordinate meeting logistics, secure venues and vendors	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
3.2	Coordinate outreach and promotion, mobilize outreach team	\$3,000.00	\$11,184.00
3.3	Design and develop promotion collateral	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
3.4	Mobilize and train meeting facilitators, volunteers	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
3.5	Design and develop activity materials	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
3.6	Lead meetings and engagement activities	\$8,760.00	\$4,000.00
3.7	Track and compile community input results and activity responses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
	Overhead (12%)	\$3,240.00	\$2,616.00
Total Fee for Task 3		\$27,000.00	\$21,800.00
Task 4. Develop Design and Construction Documentation (11 months)			
4.1	Concept Design	\$34,120.00	\$1,000.00
4.2	Schematic Design (SD)	\$34,120.00	\$1,000.00
4.3	Design Development (DD)	\$39,120.00	\$1,000.00
4.4	Construction Documents (CD)	\$64,120.00	\$1,000.00
4.5	Report back findings/input to residents	\$1,000.00	\$11,120.00
	Overhead (12%)	\$23,520.00	\$1,080.00
Total Fee for Task 4		\$196,000.00	\$16,200.00
Total Fee per Partner:		\$240,000.00	\$60,000.00
Total Fee for Proposed Project:		\$300,000.00	

TIMELINE

The proposed timeline for this project is 18 months. An estimated division of time between tasks can be found in the Scope of Work & Budget table on the previous page.

DESCRIPTION OF NEED AND URGENCY

The need and urgency of the project revolves around four main points: 1) public safety; 2) neighborhood connectivity; 3) community health; and 4) alignment with development

Public Safety

The areas around the Pacoima section of the Wash are disconnected from each other by several imposing barriers, including Interstate 5 and the 118 Freeway, the San Fernando Road railroad tracks, and the Pacoima Wash itself. These features separate the surrounding neighborhood into several disconnected pockets, forcing pedestrians to either risk their lives by crossing the channel illegally or to go significantly out of their way to cross at the congested few passages that exist. This risk was highlighted in 2017, when a 14-year old drowned during a flash flood as he took a shortcut through the Pacoima Wash from school to his grandparents' house.

Neighborhood Connectivity

The Pacoima Wash today acts as a barrier and disrupts the local street network, making it difficult to walk or bike around the area. In the summer months the vegetation on the vacant parcels surrounding the wash becomes overgrown and is a potential fire risk. A thoughtful redesign of this segment will help ensure residents have a safe, practical route through their neighborhood and increase opportunity to activate transportation through a more connected pedestrian and bike network.

Community Health

Rates of fitness testing in Pacoima public schools in 2009-10 indicated that over 41 percent of children in these schools are either overweight or obese, with two in every five 5th graders, almost half of 7th graders, and two in five 9th graders not being within a Healthy Fitness Zone for Body Composition, as reported by the California Department of Education. Access to easily walkable or bikeable paths that connect neighborhoods and schools is a key portion of the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan, and could be implemented as part of this project to provide infrastructure for more active lifestyles.

Alignment with Development

As mentioned in the Project Area Description, the El Dorado Site is currently under development by MRCA. In order to create a more connected Pacoima Wash and link green spaces together to leverage their efficacy, designing and implementing improvements throughout the remainder of the blocks between Haddon Avenue and San Fernando Road is vital at this point in time.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

Monitoring and reporting on the progress and effectiveness of the project will occur via written project status reports. Project status reports will be submitted quarterly to the Budget, Grants, and Contracts Officer within one month from the end of each quarter as outlined in the SMMC Grant Administration Guidelines. These reports will summarize work to date, accomplishments of tasks and milestones (outlined in the Scope of Work), and document key themes and requests emerging from community input. In the final Project Completion Report, we will include a summary of work completed and potential future tasks to explore options for site acquisition and securing funding for construction beyond this project's timeline.

RESPONSE TO PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

PV1 Project Achieves 8001(b)(3)(4) by providing urban recreation and protecting or restoring natural resources

The southern segment of the Pacoima Wash represents a significant opportunity to improve park access and connectivity along a growing trail network, expand recreation and active transportation options, and reintroduce native habitats and green space to a dense urban environment. With its proximity to nearby residences and its location within the larger Pacoima Wash greenway, this site offers the chance to expand parks and recreation opportunities such as walking trails and bike paths to the nearby community while also connecting the area to the Wash's expanding trail network. Key trail linkages and pedestrian crossings across the Wash could further serve to connect residents to other local parks that are currently out of reach because of limited crossings and trail connectivity.

A redesign of the park could also allow for the restoration of the area's natural habitat. The Vision Plan recommends pocket parks with water retention features where streets terminate at the wash and green buffers of native trees, shrubs, and grasses to provide shade for trail users and habitat for birds, insects, and other species.

Additionally, wayfinding and educational signage was a noted priority within the guiding Vision Plan. Key intersections in the areas surrounding the Wash have been identified as gateways where signs should be located to direct people to the Wash, educate visitors about the wash's ecology, and to mark distances to create exercise circuits. The project funding source can also be noted on the signage.

PV2 Project Achieves 8001(b)(5) by providing workforce education and training, contractor, and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities.

Workforce development and local hiring are vital tenets to Pacoima Beautiful's mission towards just investments in the community. The organization has a long history of collaboration with

prominent workforce development groups in San Fernando Valley such as the Los Angeles Conservation Corps as well as the San Fernando Valley Youthbuild program. During this design phase Pacoima Beautiful will invite these partners to join engagement and outreach efforts and become familiar with the Pacoima Wash project in order to prepare for their active participation during the construction phase.

Additionally, the Pomona Center of the California Conservation Corp has confirmed they are able to assist with site cleanup to prepare the site for any on-site activities or workshops during the scope of this project. A Corps Consultation Review Document has been included at the end of this application.

PV3 Project Achieves 8001(b)(6) by having already obtained all required permits and entitlements

The proposed scope of work for this application does not require obtaining permits or entitlements. The scope of work covers developing schematic designs, design documentation, and construction documents, resulting in a set of implementation-ready drawings for the project site. Those documents could then be used to pursue securing necessary entitlements in later phases of the project beyond the scope of this grant.

PV4 Project Achieves 8001(b)(9)- advances solutions to prevent displacement if a potential unintended consequence associated with the project is an increase in the cost of housing

Pacoima Beautiful is very cognizant of the potential unintended consequence of investment in the Pacoima Wash. Our strategy to mitigate these concerns are as follows:

- 1) Engage residents from planning to construction. It is vital to have community members heavily invested in planning, design, and ultimate construction of the Pacoima Wash project in order to ensure that the project serves the needs of the local community, the design respects the community's integrity, and ultimately the community feels ownership over the project.
- 2) Work with Coalition for Economic Survival to provide tenants' rights education for NE San Fernando Valley residents. We will also commit to help tenants become familiar with Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department in order to advocate for their rights as tenants.
- 3) Ensure that investment in the open space also results in local job creation. The creation of living wage jobs is a vital solution to address any increase in the cost of housing. The Pacoima Wash project will require labor during construction and to operate and maintain the open spaces we are proposing. We will require a local hire commitment from the contractor that will build the Pacoima Wash final design as well as from the city agency that will operate it.

PV5 Project Achieves 3 or more actions listed in 80001(b)(8)(A through G)

KDI and Pacoima Beautiful are committed to creating a community input process that fosters meaningful feedback from a diverse representation of ages, races, languages, income levels, abilities, and lived experiences. Both KDI and Pacoima Beautiful have extensive experience in tailoring organizing and engagement efforts to meet the unique needs of each community we serve. KDI and Pacoima Beautiful are experienced in translating engagement and outreach materials to a range of languages, mobilizing local volunteer teams with a specific focus on fostering youth leadership, and building partnerships between residents, community organizations, and policy makers. By coupling KDI's broad portfolio of mobile pop-up events, creative survey games and activities, and interactive community design workshops with Pacoima Beautiful's organizing experience and existing community network, we believe we can create an accessible, inclusive, and exciting design process that achieves the following 5 actions listed in 80001(b)(8):

- A. Conducting active outreach to diverse populations, particularly minority, low-income, and disabled populations and tribal communities, to increase awareness within those communities and the public generally about specific programs and opportunities.
- B. Mentoring new environmental, outdoor recreation, and conservation leaders to increase diverse representation across these areas.
- C. Creating new partnerships with state, local, tribal, private, and nonprofit organizations to expand access for diverse populations.
- D. Expanding the use of multilingual and culturally appropriate materials in public communications and educational strategies, including through social media strategies, as appropriate, that target diverse populations.
- E. Developing or expanding coordinated efforts to promote youth engagement and empowerment, including fostering new partnerships with diversity-serving and youth-serving organizations, urban areas, and programs.

PV6 Project achieves more than one of the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives

The proposed project will serve to advance the development of a site that can achieve several Conservancy strategic objectives including:

- Expand efforts to integrate nature into the urban environment by acquiring or creating parkland in park-poor areas and link new parks into existing park networks.
- Expand education, public access, and resource stewardship by directly involving residents and stakeholders in the design of the site through participatory design process to foster long-term stewardship.
- Promote cooperation with local governments in the region to secure open space and parkland by clarifying site ownership and aligning various stakeholders and site owners in support of joint development of the site.

PV7 Project achieves more than one of Common Ground guiding principles

The proposed project will also align with several guiding principles within the Common Ground Plan including:

- Advancing the development of new park space to expand public open space, improve access to recreation activities, improve habitat quality and quantity, and connect with a larger trail network
- Promoting stewardship of the land through an inclusive, participatory design development process, and the design of interpretive and educational elements
- Enhancing waterways and improving flood protection efforts through establishing riverfront greenways and restoring creek ecosystems
- Coordinating watershed planning across jurisdictions and boundaries and involving the public in the design development process

CV1 The project will provide benefits to multiple values including, water, recreation, habitat, and interpretation of natural resources

Once implemented, the proposed project would result in multiple benefits such as recreational opportunities, improvement of quality of the urban environment, habitat enhancement, and greenhouse gas sequestration.

The project would enhance undeveloped areas by protecting the open and natural spaces along the Wash and reintroducing native plants. Enhanced green and open space along the Pacoima Wash will improve water quality by capturing, treating, and detaining stormwater where possible.

CV2 The project implements a major component of an existing relevant plan related to a major recreational facility, regional ecosystem restoration, or master land protection plan.

This proposal intends to develop a design for the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan which was created through a 6-year (2009-2015) community engagement process that included 20 focus groups with Sylmar and Pacoima residents as well as 2 large community workshops. The Pacoima Wash Vision Plan establishes a concept for revitalization and greening of a 4 mile stretch of the Wash. The next natural step is to create a design that is vetted by community, that will ultimately lead to construction.

CV3 The project provides a plan or feasibility study to advance cooperative watershed health protection activities or recreation goals important to two or more organizations.

The project site crosses several jurisdictions and includes a collection of parcels owned or managed by various public agencies and private owners. The planning and design process outlined in this proposal is integral to researching and clarifying site ownership and exploring pathways to development. The team will identify site ownership within the project boundaries and coordinate with owners in the development of the site's design to pave the way for future efforts to build stakeholder support beyond this phase's scope.

The project presents an important opportunity to convene site stakeholders such as the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, neighboring homeowners associations, MRCA, and other potential partners, aligning multiple organizations under a shared vision and implementation plan in support of watershed health protection and recreation goals.

CV4 Applicant has realistic plan for serving disadvantaged communities upon completion of the improvements

Pacoima Beautiful has served the Northeast San Fernando Valley since 1996. Our mission is to ensure our community is able to thrive and move away from disadvantaged status. We view the Pacoima Wash project as a means to address the need for accessible green and recreational space. We are committed to ensuring that this project works complementary to other intersectional efforts occurring simultaneously such as the East San Fernando Valley Transit Plan, Measure A implementation, and Measure W implementation. Our goal is to develop strong analytical leaders from the community who are motivated to work towards the development of safe and cleaner waterway.

CV5 The project uses renewable or non-potable water sources of water, such as reclaimed water, captured stormwater, or other method.

The design process will consider all relevant and implementable re-uses of non-potable water sources, such as using greywater or captured stormwater for irrigation. Additional explorations will be done to understand the Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the safe implementation of reclaimed water methods.

CV6 Project implements Best Management Practices (BMP) to treat stormwater (see page 21 of Pacoima Wash Vision Plan)

Because Southern California weather patterns and large amounts of paved or impervious surfaces can lead to flooding downstream, BMPs often incorporate storm water detention features. Areas with sandy permeable soil, like those adjacent to the Pacoima Wash, are frequently suitable for infiltration and recharging the diminishing supplies of groundwater.

BMPs that will be explored include vegetated swales through which stormwater flows and is treated via UV filters, natural processes, or other applicable mechanisms. Other more mechanical features include screens to remove trash and sediment capture devices to remove sediment caused by erosion or construction upstream.

Examples of BMPs that could be established along Pacoima Wash:

- Permeable pavement
- French drains
- Creating landform grading guidelines to retain water on the site
- Curb depressions
- Street edge alternatives or “green streets”
- Catch basin inserts (for trash and debris)

- Continuous deflection separator (CDS) units (for trash and debris)

CV7 Project provides safe and reliable drinking water supplies to park and open space visitors

The project will be designed to include new ADA compliant water fountains on the site that will provide safe and reliable drinking water to all visitors. At least one drinking fountain will include a ground level water bowl for dogs and other pets.

CV8 The project provides a high quality access point for nearby open space, parkland, regional multimodal trails, or water-based recreation.

The proposed multi-use greenway trail will serve as a recreation and open space corridor that connects people, parks and natural areas. The proposed greenway will provide one of the first pieces of a larger effort to create a nonmotorized transportation path and recreation trail connecting schools, local services, employment centers, transit hubs, and the Angeles National Forest.

Cv9 The project completes a new, significant link in a regional trail system

Trail linkages and pedestrian crossings throughout the southern portion of the Wash could serve to connect communities of the Northeast San Fernando Valley (Sylmar, San Fernando, Pacoima and Arleta) with the Rim of the Valley Trail and the Tujunga Wash Greenway. These linkages could also connect residents to other local parks, such as nearby Ritchie Valens Park, Paxton Park, and the future MRCA park on the El Dorado Site.

CV10 Project adds new trail or recreational resources not available within a 0.5 mile radius.

While there are recreational resources within a .5 mile radius of the park, like Ritchie Valens Park, there is a severe lack of walking and biking trails throughout the Pacoima Wash. Located adjacent to the Wash, Ritchie Valens Park could be incorporated within the proposed greenway, providing multiple access points and improved landscaping. Where the Pacoima Wash passes the park, it enters a tunnel and crosses beneath the interchange of Interstate 5 and the 118 Freeway. Because of this insurmountable obstruction, the greenway trail would leave the Wash here and proceed to the south and west through an existing pedestrian tunnel under the 118 Freeway. As the greenway trail diverges from the Pacoima Wash channel, way finding and trail landscaping would need to reinforce the greenway corridor location. The greenway trail would enter the southern portion of Ritchie Valens Park through the tunnel and then travel along Paxton Street, rejoining the Pacoima Wash at the Arleta Spreading Grounds.

CV11 The project contains multimodal accommodations that will benefit hikers, cyclists, and equestrians.

The project will accommodate pedestrians and will provide a paved, gradually graded alternative for walkers, joggers, and cyclists. This portion of the Pacoima Wash will not provide an equestrian trail.

CV12 The project results in new public access to a natural resources with high interpretive and/or educational value, or enhances existing access.

This project will increase access for communities of the Northeast San Fernando Valley to the historical, ecological, and social complexities of the Pacoima Wash, enhanced by interpretive elements at significant portions and key entry points to the Wash.

CV13 The project provides non-personal interpretive elements that will significantly enhance appreciation and enjoyment of a natural resource

On the western side of the Wash where it meets the San Fernando Road Bridge, the right of way widens to over 70 feet. This would make an ideal location for a plaza and interpretive area for users of the greenway coming from San Fernando Road. Displays can also be set up showing a map over the greenway along the Wash, connections to other trails, and amenities in the area. Information can also be displayed describing the ecology of the Wash.

CV14 The project creates a new venue, or enhances an existing venue, for education and/or interpretation activities that promote natural resources stewardship.

Wayfinding and interpretive elements will help people navigate the Wash and enrich users' experience by providing valuable educational information. These elements will be placed along the Wash and in surrounding areas. These interpretive elements can provide information on the ecology, wildlife, and history of the Pacoima Wash and surrounding area.

CV15 The project alleviates stress on other overburdened recreational resources within a 0.5 mile radius.

The project will alleviate the stress on Ritchie Valens and Paxton Park by providing more options for recreation in an otherwise park poor community. Ritchie Valens and Paxton Park provide space for recreational sports such as baseball, soccer, and basketball. Our project envisions the Pacoima Wash as space utilized for walking, biking, gardening classes, and other passive recreation opportunities which are not readily available at Ritchie Valens or Paxton Park.

CV16 The project provides a new vista point or overlook for a significant scenic viewshed.

The Pacoima Wash corridor, with its north-south orientation, already provides scenic views of the undeveloped mountains and natural areas of the Angeles National Forest. The project hopes to enhance these views.

CV17 The project adds visitor-serving amenities, accessibility, and public safety improvements to existing parkland.

The project will prioritize the addition of visitor-serving amenities to existing parkland, and will engage the community to understand their needs.

CV18 Project results in additional uses for users of a wide range of ability levels

The project will determine which spaces within the Project Area are most suitable to provide high-quality recreational opportunities for the widest range of ability levels and will be designed to meet ADA standards.

CV19 The project is designed to accommodate the needs of users from a variety of cultural and economic backgrounds

KDI and Pacoima Beautiful have extensive experience partnering with residents and organizations in under-resourced communities to assess needs and develop plans and designs to improve municipal systems, programs, and the built environment. The project will ensure that all community members no matter their cultural background or socioeconomic status have access to high quality natural resources for recreation and/or passive enjoyment. The project will support the expansion of local trail networks and amenities for residents and visiting tourists regardless of cultural background or economic status.

CV20 The project directly abuts and increases ecosystem function of a protected habitat area including fish and wildlife corridors.

Adjacent to the site, in the southern section, is the Pacoima Spreading Grounds, which is solely used to recharge groundwater supplies.

Water is diverted from the Pacoima Wash and slowly circulated through the site, providing a unique opportunity to develop wetlands and aquatic habitat areas that are now very rare in the region. Trails should allow for wildlife viewing, fitness areas, and other activities.

CV21 The project includes restoration, protection, or enhancements of a native ecosystem appropriate to the site

The restoration of the area's natural habitat can be achieved through the creation of green buffers comprised of native trees, shrubs, and plants to provide shade for trail users and habitats for birds and other species. Pocket parks with water retention features where streets terminate at the Wash can also contribute to the restoration to the native ecosystem of the site.

CV22 Project will benefit specially protected species pursuant to the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990

The restored native habitat designed through this project will enhance conditions for specially protected species pursuant to the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, like the California mountain lion, deer, anadromis salmonids, trout, and other resources.

<http://www.mountainlion.org/us/ca/prop117/-ca-proposition117-text.php>

CV23 The project employs new or innovative technology or practices.

The project design will prioritize the use of innovative technologies and/or practices that reduce water and energy demands for the benefit of the community.

IV1 Application has proven that implementation of the project is feasible

The scope of work covers developing schematic designs, design documentation, and construction documents, resulting in a set of implementation-ready drawings for the project site. KDI is confident in its ability to create design and construction documents that draw on community priorities and input, while also providing Pacoima Beautiful with the design documentation and information it needs to advocate for the project's construction and implementation. An overview of past projects demonstrating this expertise is included in Criterion IV3 below.

Pacoima Beautiful is an organization with over 20 years experience organizing San Fernando Valley residents in support of environmental justice and community improvement projects. With an extensive network of organizers, volunteers, community partners, and municipal leaders, Pacoima Beautiful is well-positioned to leverage existing relationships and explore new connections in pursuit of securing funding and support for the development of the project site with this project's resulting design documents. Pacoima Beautiful has facilitated the development of several coalitions, driven for policy change at state and local levels, and are experienced leaders in community organizing efforts in the area. Their deep community roots and advocacy expertise make them especially well-suited to incite community input and mobilize project supporters and funders during and after the completion of the site's design development phase.

IV2 Applicant has financial capacity to perform project on a reimbursable basis

KDI is a nimble organization that responds to urgent needs and inequities in the public realm. We enjoy a diversity of revenue streams that allow us the financial freedom and flexibility to respond to such needs, regardless of a client's ability to pay or the priorities of donors and politicians. Currently, our funding comes from individual donors (8.18%), private foundations (41.61%), federal grants (4.21%), and Fees for Service where the project and client align strongly with our mission (41.87%). KDI secures these monies through a mix of grant and Fee for Service proposal writing, individual donor cultivation, and projects developed in partnership with other organizations and/or donors. KDI will act as the primary grantee and is confident in its financial capacity to work on a reimbursable basis.

IV3 Applicant, or active project partner, has successfully completed multiple projects of similar size and scope

KDI has 12 years of experience designing, building, and activating public spaces in partnership with disadvantaged communities and a range of stakeholders. We have led resident-engaged design for three community parks in California's Coachella Valley, ranging from 0.5 to 14 acres in size, two of which have completed construction. We also recently worked with eleven municipalities Statewide to develop park plans and apply for implementation funding from California State Parks & Recreation.

KDI has engaged thousands of residents through hundreds of community workshops, meetings and on-street engagements, while pioneering innovative engagement methods to meet residents on their terms. In addition to executing all phases of public space and landscape design, we have extensive experience in program design, master planning, and temporary activations.

Pacoima Beautiful has 23 years of experience organizing community to activate and transform public spaces. As a part of the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan process, we were able to identify a 2 acre parcel along the Wash that we converted into the Pacoima Wash Nature Park in partnership with MRCA. We also transformed a dead end on Bradley Street into a People St. public plaza in partnership with the Department of Transportation (DOT). We are currently in the construction phase of a Bradley Green Alley project on the alleyway adjacent to Bradley Plaza. Bradley Alley will be the City's first green shared alley. We were also integral in construction of the Valley's first protected bike lanes along Van Nuys Blvd.

Our model is to identify and partner with the pertinent government agency and convene the right team of designers and stakeholders to create a community oriented planning and design process. We ensure that community members are participating in each step of the process in order to ensure full buy in and ultimate success for the project.

IV4 The project is a partnership between two or more organizations and each organization has committed to contributing toward project implementation

This project is a partnership between KDI and Pacoima Beautiful to advance the project site through planning and design phases and demonstrate project readiness to advocate for funding and development. KDI is committed to providing Pacoima Beautiful with the planning and design expertise to design and implement a community design process and develop schematic designs, design documentation, and construction documents, resulting in a set of implementation-ready drawings for the project site. Pacoima Beautiful will serve as community liaison both during and after the proposed scope of work using the design documents to build stakeholder buy-in and convene partners in support of the development of the site and the final implementation of the larger Pacoima Wash Vision Plan.

IV5 Applicant has conducted outreach to the affected communities

Pacoima Beautiful led an extensive outreach effort to develop the Vision Plan. As part of that project, we completed the following:

- 20 focus group meeting with Sylmar and Pacoima residents
- 2 large scale community meetings with over 300 participants to develop the Vision Plan
- Workshops with students from Mission High School and San Fernando High School

Pacoima Beautiful continues to work with local residents on our clean energy and food justice work. We are prepared to activate these communities for the Project Design phase.

IV6 Application, or project partner, has 1+ years of experience maintaining and operating projects of similar size and scope

One result of the original Vision Plan was the purchase of a 2-acre plot of land along the Pacoima Wash which was converted into the Pacoima Wash Natural Park, a green recreational space. Pacoima Beautiful has worked with the City of San Fernando to maintain the Natural Park since 2015. We also led a community planning, design, and conversion of the Bradley Plaza through the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation's People St. program. Bradley St. was a dead end street that did not serve the local community well. We closed off the street to vehicular traffic and converted the space into a public plaza. We have maintained and operated this space since 2014.

IV7 Applicant has identified maintenance funding for at least 2 years after completion

As this grant is for planning and design, one of the deliverables will be to establish a maintenance and operations partner. Completion of the design will allow us to leverage our state and county representatives to identify funding for construction and maintenance. Thus far we have identified local county Measures A and W as potential revenue sources. We will also identify the proper public agency that will oversee maintenance of the completed project.

Pacoima Beautiful also conducts community clean ups for all their projects. Clean ups are organized by PB for students from our local school clubs looking for service learning hours, for Earth Day clean up events, and for our 3 annual beautification days. A different site is chosen for these community clean up events. We are committed to providing maintenance of the Wash when built.

IV8 Project has approval from all landowners to complete the project, or Applicant is the landowner

The project proposed in this application is to fund planning and design services for an undeveloped segment of the Pacoima Wash in order to gain approval from all landowners for future development. The project area includes several parcels and crosses several jurisdictions including the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, neighboring homeowners associations, the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority, as well as other sites without clear ownership. One of the key components of this proposed project is to research and clarify site ownership of the site's various parcels to evaluate development feasibility and explore

pathways to consolidating site ownership in support of developing this portion of the Pacoima Wash greenway.

CC1 The project demonstrates a reduction in baseline greenhouse gas emissions through carbon sequestration or other innovative techniques or project designs, such as diverting organic material from landfills

The project proposes to reduce the amount of hardscape along the Pacoima Wash by planting trees that will not only beautify and provide shade, but that also sequester enough carbon all year round.

According to the National Recreation and Park Association, one acre of tree cover in a park will likely have pollution removal totals around 80 pounds per year, but the total could exceed 200 pounds per year in more polluted areas with long growing seasons (e.g., Los Angeles).

Calculating carbon sequestration

With the use of 'Method for Calculating Carbon Sequestration by Trees in Urban and Suburban Settings' from the USEPA, the following results were obtained. Please note that the following numbers may change dependent on the design process:

- A. Area to be planted: approximately **3.63 acres**
- B. Maximum number of plants possible: **175**
- C. Tree characteristics
 - 1. Tree type: Hardwood
 - 2. Growth rate: Moderate
- D. Annual sequestration rate (per tree): **6.1 lbs/year**
- A. Total carbon sequestered: (BxD) **1,067.5 lbs/year**

CC2 The project implements water saving technologies and techniques to yield quantifiable water and energy savings. Such techniques may include the use of drought-efficient landscaping, including climate resilient and native landscaping whenever possible, stormwater filtration, impervious surfaces, green roofs and other forms of water capture and storage

The project will feature permeable surfaces, natural materials and use of low-water native plants that help filter pollution and allow rainwater to infiltrate into the ground. Water-conserving low flow drip irrigation where necessary will support the vegetation during seasonal dry months.

CC3 The project contributes to tree canopy cover and/or greenways in urban areas to mitigate heat island effects and promote public health and recreation

As an important step in urban forest planning, the project will help absorb and reduce stormwater runoff; improve air quality, create shade, and mitigate the urban heat island by contributing to tree canopy cover in the area.

CC4 The project develops or maintains multi-use trails that connect communities, provides access to public resources and reduces vehicle miles traveled

The project will contribute to the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan by developing a multi-use greenway trail to create a recreation and open space corridor that connects people, parks and natural areas. This Bicycle access plan supplements the City of Los Angeles Bicycle Plan, adopted March 1, 2001.

The Vision proposes a path that will be shared by pedestrians, cyclists, and other users with lane markings separating bikes from pedestrians, and it will aim to develop either side of the channel. A connection will be made to the Wash along Telfair Avenue, Haddon Ave and through Ritchie Valens Park

This proposal is for a planning process to validate the priorities and amenities outlined in the vision plan.

CC5 The project engages local communities through outreach, education, and interpretation regarding long term stewardship and climate change awareness

Our project prioritizes local community engagement. In fact, Pacoima Beautiful is choosing to work with KDI due to their history of community informed design. Our collaboration will organize 3-7 community design workshops in order to bridge community members with the design team. PB will also organize 1 large scale community meeting in order to discuss long term stewardship of the project once construction is completed.

Environmental Justice is key to our organization's mission; we embed climate change awareness in all of our work. Pacoima Beautiful will not only activate our organization base but will look to engage with ally organizations such as El Nido, MEND, Youth Policy Institute (YPI), the Pacoima Chamber of Commerce, the Pacoima Neighborhood Council, as well as with students from local high schools in San Fernando High School and Cesar Chavez Learning Academies High School, and Los Angeles Mission College.

CC6 The project implements water saving techniques that utilize nature-based solutions like wetlands, rain gardens, swales, berms, curb cuts with parkway basins, infiltration trenches, vegetation, tree planting, stream daylighting/restoration, and floodplain reclamation.

This project will be designed with California Native landscaping. It will include stormwater management features such as bioswales and catch basins, permeable paving, native planting, and a dense tree canopy.

AC1 The site is subject to an imminent threat that would preclude future implementation value

Since the development of the 2016 Pacoima Wash Vision Plan, several sites noted in the plan have been slated for developed. The Pacoima segment of the Wash are now surrounded by

several new or future parks that directly impact the design of project site, and the HOA opportunity site in particular. This surrounding development and the current development by the MRCA of the El Dorado site directly to the north of the HOA site call for the timely design of the site to ensure the project site aligns with and complements nearby projects.

AC2 Project utilizes a local job training entity for a portion of the work

Pacoima Beautiful will engage Los Angeles Conservation Corps and San Fernando Valley Youthbuild within the preparation and implementation of community workshops in order to increase their familiarity with the Project and prepare them for their involvement in later construction phases.

AC3 Project within 0.25 miles of public transportation

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Line 94 and 224 have 3 stops near the intersections of (1) San Fernando Rd / Del Sur ST and (2) San Fernando Rd / Desmond St that are 0.14mi and 0.25mi from the site respectively.

AC4 Project serves a disadvantaged community

California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) operates the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen), which identifies the project area as a Disadvantaged and Low Income Community.

In addition, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) operates an online disadvantaged community mapping tool (<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>) that shows the Project's Northwest and Northeast Area contain census block groups where the median household income (MHI) is below \$51,026 and therefore qualifies as a Disadvantaged Community.

AC5 Project serves a severely disadvantaged community

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) operates an online disadvantaged community mapping tool (<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>) that shows the Project's North Area contains census block groups where the median household income (MHI) is below \$38,270 and therefore qualifies as a Severely Disadvantaged Community.

Grantee Data Sheet

Print Form



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Primary Contact Information

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Information

Will administrative/overhead costs be included?
 If yes, is the overhead policy attached to this sheet?
 Will vehicle costs be included?
 If yes, is the vehicle policy attached to this sheet?
 Will cell phone costs be included?
 If yes, is the phone policy attached to this sheet?

Name (2):
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I have completed and submitted the STD 204 Payee Data Record form.

I have read and accepted the policies and procedures within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Grant Administration Manual.

I am aware that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has urged a reduction of costs associated with overhead, cell phone, and vehicle charges.

Notes:
 Overhead Policy is calculated as an additional 12% to total project cost. Vehicle costs are included in task-level budget items and use the federal rate per mile.

*If a reduction in the above costs has been made, please document the reductions and attach to this data sheet.

Signature Field

PAYEE DATA RECORD

STD. 204 (Rev. 6-2003) (REVERSE)

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California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps



Proposition 68 – Parks, Environment and Water Bond

Corps Consultation Review Document

Except for an exempted project, this Corps Consultation Review Document shall be completed by California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps (hereafter collectively referred to as Corps) staff and must accompany applications for funding through Proposition 68, Chapter 1, Division 45: California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. Please see the Corps Consultation Process, starting with Step 1 on Page 1 of this attachment. Applications that do not include this document demonstrating that both Corps have been consulted will not be given preference for receipt of a grant.

All Implementation projects require Corps consultation. Applicants for all Proposition 68 Planning or Scientific Studies projects must consult with both Corps if the project includes any field work (including but not limited to baseline studies, invasive plant removal, native plant propagation, mapping, and site maintenance). Only projects without field work are exempt from the consultation process and do not need to submit the Corps Consultation Form to Funding Entities.

1. Name of Applicant: **Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI)**

Project Title: **Pacoima Wash Southern Segment Design Development**

Department/Conservancy to which you are applying for funding: **Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy – Prop 68**

This Consultation Review Document is being prepared by:

- The California Conservation Corps (CCC)
- California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC)

2. Applicant has submitted the required information by email to the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC):

- Yes (applicant has submitted all necessary information to CCC)
- No (applicant has not submitted all information or did not submit information to both Corps – application is deemed non-compliant)

3. After consulting with the project applicant, the CCC and CALCC has determined the following:

- It is NOT feasible for CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project (deemed compliant)
- It is feasible for the CCC services to be used on the project and the following aspects of the project can be accomplished with Corps services (deemed compliant):

CCC Corpsmembers from the Pomona Center can assist with site clean-up and vegetation removal.

Please contact the District Director of the Pomona Center to discuss costs and coordinate the planning of CCC involvement in this project, and reach out again if your project receives funding:

Duane Wilson, District Director

Email: Duane.Wilson@ccc.ca.gov

Phone: (909) 594-4206

CCC and CALCC Representatives will return this form as documentation of consultation to applicant via email within five (5) business days of receipt as verification of consultation. Applicant will include a copy of this document as part of the project application.

If the Corps determine it is feasible to use their services on the project, applicant will coordinate with the Corps to develop estimated costs for those services for inclusion in the budget.

The Corps must be consulted each grant cycle prior to application. If past consultations are submitted, the requirement is not met.

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August 30th, 2019

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Re: Pacoima Beautiful's Application for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Prop 68 Grant Program

Dear Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy,

I am writing this letter to express my support of Pacoima Beautiful's application for funding through the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program to fund design services for the Pacoima segment of the Pacoima Wash Greenway. This proposal represents a significant opportunity to implement the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan, extend parks and open space opportunities to disadvantaged communities lacking park access, and create key linkages and expand active transportation options along the Pacoima Wash.

Developing design and construction documents for the Vision Plan's Pacoima segment are instrumental in validating community priorities for the site, aligning stakeholders and site owners, and securing future funding for the site's development. We support Pacoima Beautiful's commitment to a community-driven design process through their partnership with Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI). An internationally-recognized leader in community-led landscape design and planning, KDI marries technical knowledge and design expertise with in-depth, contextually and culturally-specific community engagement. Their involvement represents an important commitment to ensuring designs for the site are guided by community voices and advance community priorities captured in past plans such as the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department Community-Wide Needs Assessment and the City of Los Angeles Bike Plan.

We see this proposal as an essential next step in creating a more equitable, accessible, and active Pacoima Wash that extends park, recreation, and healthy living options to our community. We strongly urge the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy to support and fund Pacoima Beautiful's grant application and its partnership with KDI in order to take an important step forward in making this community vision a reality. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Luz M. Rivas
Assemblywoman, 39th District



NURY MARTINEZ
COUNCILWOMAN, SIXTH DISTRICT

August 30, 2019

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Los Angeles River Center & Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Suite 100
Los Angeles, CA 90065

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support of Pacoima Beautiful's application for funding through the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program. These vital funds will provide design services for the Pacoima segment of the Pacoima Wash Greenway. This proposal represents a vital milestone for the full implementation of the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan which benefits all communities in the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

The Pacoima Wash Vision Plan has provided a roadmap for disadvantaged communities in the Northeast San Fernando Valley to increase access to parks and open space, create key linkages and expand active transportation options. I support Pacoima Beautiful's commitment to a participatory and community-driven design process through their partnership with Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI). KDI is internationally-recognized leader in community-led landscape design and planning. Pacoima Beautiful and KDI are developing designs and construction documents for the Vision Plan's Pacoima segment based on community priorities, aligning stakeholders and site owners while securing future funding for the site's development. This Pacoima segment of the Pacoima Wash Greenway sets the foundation to expand the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan to other communities in the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

From serving on the San Fernando City Council, Boardmember on the Los Angeles Unified School Board District and in my current position as Councilwoman for the City of Los Angeles, I have always supported the full implementation of the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan and constructions of the Pacoima Wash Greenway. I strongly urge the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy to support and fund Pacoima Beautiful's grant application and its partnership with KDI in order in making this community vision a reality.

Sincerely,

NURY MARTINEZ
Councilwoman, Sixth District

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SHEILA KUEHL
SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT

September 5, 2019

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support of Pacoima Beautiful's application for funding, through the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program, to fund design services for the Pacoima segment of the Pacoima Wash Greenway. This proposal represents a unique and significant opportunity to implement the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan, extend park and open space opportunities to disadvantaged communities lacking park access, create key linkages, and expand active transportation options along the Pacoima Wash.

Developing design and construction documents for the Vision Plan's Pacoima segment is central to validating community priorities for the site, aligning stakeholders with site owners, and securing future funding for the site's development. I support Pacoima Beautiful's commitment to a participatory and community-driven design process through their partnership with Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI). An internationally recognized leader in community-led landscape design and planning, KDI joins technical knowledge and design expertise with in-depth, contextually and culturally-specific community engagement. Their involvement represents an important commitment to ensuring that designs for the site are guided by community voices and advance community priorities which have been captured in past plans such as the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department Community-Wide Needs Assessment and the City of Los Angeles Bike Plan.

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Sincerely,

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SHEILA KUEHL
Supervisor, Third District

BT:lw



August 30, 2019

Dear Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy Board Members,

The Wilderness Society is excited to support Pacoima Beautiful's application for funding through the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program to fund design services for the Pacoima segment of the Pacoima Wash Greenway. This proposal represents a significant opportunity to implement the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan, extend parks and open space opportunities to disadvantaged communities lacking park access, and create key linkages that expand active transportation options along the Pacoima Wash.

Pacoima Beautiful is a leader in developing projects with community engagement embedded into each step in the planning and design process. Developing design and construction documents for the Vision Plan's Pacoima segment are instrumental in validating community priorities for the site, aligning stakeholders and site owners, and securing future funding for the site's development. We support Pacoima Beautiful's commitment to a participatory and community-driven design process through their partnership with Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI). An internationally-recognized leader in community-led landscape design and planning, KDI marries technical knowledge and design expertise with in-depth, contextually and culturally-specific community engagement. Their involvement represents an important commitment to ensuring designs for the site are guided by community voices and advance community priorities captured in past plans such as the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department Community-Wide Needs Assessment and the City of Los Angeles Bike Plan.

The work outlined in the proposal is an essential step in creating an accessible active recreation corridor that improves the quality of life in a highly impacted community. We strongly urge you to support and fund Pacoima Beautiful's application in order to take an important step forward in making this community vision a reality.

Sincerely,

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Yvette Lopez-Ledesma
Urban to Wild Assistant Director
The Wilderness Society