ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION

April 4, 2013

The Honorable Ed P. Reyes
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 410
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilman Reyes:

We salute you for your considerable accomplishments in promoting a new vision for the Los Angeles River and hope that you can add one more before leaving office.

We believe the Arroyo Seco Confluence has the potential to be the gem of Los Angeles River Revitalization. We were hopeful that the rehabilitation of the Riverside Drive Bridge over the Los Angeles River would be a major step forward in the development of the Arroyo Seco Confluence Park. The Bureau of Street Services' tree storage yard adjacent to the Confluence was moved to make way for the construction project.

We recently learned, however, that the City of Los Angeles now intends to bring the tree storage yard back to that site after the bridge construction project is completed. This would constitute a major delay and obstacle towards the development of the long-anticipated Confluence Park and be a big disappointment to those who have waited patiently to see Confluence Park take shape. It is also not in conformity with the Cornfields Arroyo Seco Specific Plan now being considered by the City Council.

Before you leave office at the end of your term, we urge you to find another location for the tree storage yard and begin implementing Confluence Park as a key element of Los Angeles River Revitalization. This will be a wonderful addition to your accomplishments and a major part of your legacy.

The Arroyo Seco Foundation is now working with other community organizations to circulate a petition, which we will present to you soon, urging you and the City to find another location for the street tree storage yard and to move forward promptly with Confluence Park.

We would very much appreciate your prompt action to resolve this matter before you leave office in June.

Sincerely,

Tim Brick
Managing Director