

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

October 23, 2015

Casey Wasserman  
Chair  
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Dear Mr. Wasserman:

We write to express our enthusiasm for the selection of Los Angeles as the United States' candidate city for the 2024 Summer Olympics and to encourage you to include stakeholders of the Los Angeles River in the planning for any projects along the banks of the river.

For many years, the planning for the restoration of the Los Angeles River has involved the hard work and persistence of many organizations, community volunteers, and civic leaders. The acceptance by the Army Corps of Engineers of the Alternative 20 plan for the river is the direct result of this collaboration and the partnership that exists between the City of Los Angeles and the federal government. Achieving this milestone required years of study, fundraising, and engagement with the community.

Given the success to date of our collaborative efforts on behalf of the LA River, we are excited at the prospect that an Olympic venue may feature the river. We encourage you to include representatives of key river stakeholders in discussions regarding Olympic-related infrastructure along any portion of the river. Such groups should include but not be limited to the LA River Corporation, Friends of the LA River (FoLAR) and any impacted communities. This will help ensure federal investments in the project are protected and that any Olympic venues or projects along the river are compatible and complementary with existing plans for the waterway.

Additionally, we also encourage you to include public input on any Olympic project along the river that becomes a formal element of the city's Olympic bid.

Again, we are excited at the possibility of hosting the 2024 Olympics in LA and are thrilled at the opportunity to show off both a new LA and a new LA River.

We thank you for your prompt attention and look forward to discussing this issue with you.

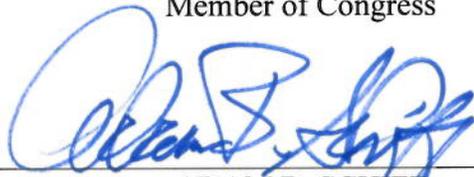
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