City of Hermosa Beach



Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254-3885

October 23, 2018

Janice Hahn Los Angeles County Supervisor, 4th District 500 W. Temple Street, Room 822 Los Angeles, CA 90012

<u>RE: Support for Measure W to Create the Los Angeles County's Safe, Clean Water Program</u> NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Supervisor Hahn,

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach, I am writing to strongly support Measure W, which intends to raise \$300 million a year in local, dedicated funding to modernize the County's 100-year-old water system, using nature and science, to capture more rainfall, filter out toxic pollutants, and store clean water for future use.

Measure W would establish the Safe Clean Water Program to prepare the Los Angeles County region for the effects of climate change, including recurring cycles of drought, wildfire, and flooding. The Program would fund the construction and maintenance of projects that:

- Protect public health by cleaning storm water pollution and contamination
- Safeguard marine and other wildlife from trash and toxins in storm water runoff
- Mitigate severe drought impacts by increasing local water supply
- Update our local water infrastructure to capture and treat storm water
- Help cities meet their Clean Water Act obligation to clean storm water

If approved by L.A. County voters, the estimated Municipal Program funds dedicated to the City of Hermosa Beach amount to \$160,000 annually. This funding can be applied to projects and programs that include a water quality benefit, including multi-benefit projects and nature-based solutions. An example of an eligible project within our own community is the Hermosa Avenue Green Street Project, including but not limited to: concept development, planning, design, construction, monitoring, and operations/maintenance. Additionally, funds could also be used to plan, build, and maintain multi-benefit watershed-based projects such as the beach cities infiltration projects to address water quality priorities at the Herondo Drain Outfall.

Therefore, the City of Hermosa Beach firmly supports Measure W on the November 2018 ballot. We would like to thank you and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for your leadership and efforts on Measure W. Should you have any questions or would like follow-up information on this matter, please contact Assistant to the City Manager, Nico De Anda-Scaia at <u>ndeanda@hermosabch.org</u> or 310-318-0201.

Sincerely,

Jeff Duclos, Mayor City of Hermosa Beach