

North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council



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Councilmember Paul Krekorian 200 N. Spring Street, Room 435 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Krekorian:

We were happy to learn that our neighborhood is within the boundaries of The Athens Community Benefits Trust Fund and understand that the environmental benefits eligible for this Community Benefit Fund include tree and native habitat planting, stormwater management, habitat restoration, eliminating litter and graffiti and supporting environmental beautification programs.

We have met with our community stakeholders and agree that we'd like to continue working with your office to utilize a portion of these funds to restore and refurbish the Whitsett hillside slope area located on Whitsett Avenue between Sherman Way and Saticoy, which unfortunately has become an attractive area for those who choose to trespass and deface public and private property. As a result, there has been damage to the habitat, defacement of the area and other related issues.

We are working with your office and the LADOT Parking Enforcement office staff (whose building is adjacent to the area) on ways to eliminate the litter and graffiti problem at the front end by investing in security lighting, fencing, irrigation repair and securing the water source and other means to beautify and restore the area. We plan to work with the artist to restore the beautiful mural, which serves as a reminder of our heritage and as the gateway to the North Hollywood community. We also plan to restore and replant the California native plants and add preventative measures to deter trespassers from vandalizing the hillside, water source and mural.

This letter serves as the community support necessary to activate these funds, and we look forward to working with Jeff Camp and Jackie Keene of your staff, as well as the various City Departments and agencies to make these improvements.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request. We look forward to working with you on next steps.

Greg Wright President, North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council