

GLASSELL PARK

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Dear Dr. Axt:

I am writing on behalf of the Glassell Park Improvement Association, a long-time active voice for the betterment of our community, Glassell Park.

It is hard to imagine a greater improvement to our area than the restoration of our river, and we appreciate the many years of effort put forth by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to study and prepare such a detailed and thoughtful report.

While Glassell Park's southwest border lies alongside the River within the report's "geomorphic reaches" 5 and 6, which benefit from Alternatives 13, 16 and 20; we believe that only Alternative 20 can provide the highest level of connectivity--between wildlife habitats and hydrology, of course; but also, between people and communities--that is crucial for successful, sustainable restoration.

Glassell Park is an area of middle-income individuals and families, many of whom are members of minority groups. The jobs created by adopting Alternative 20 will greatly improve the lives of our neighbors.

Like many communities along the 11-mile stretch of the River that the report covers, Glassell Park has long been ignored or dismissed when plans for improvements come along. Finally, we are perfectly situated to participate in perhaps the greatest improvement of this generation.

Therefore, the Glassell Park Improvement Association encourages you to select Alternative 20. Not only is it the most comprehensive, the most inclusive, and the most effective plan, but it is far and away the most beneficial to the people & wildlife who live here.

Sincerely,

Alisa Smith,
President GPIA

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti
Councilmember Gil Cedillo
Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
Councilmember Jose Huizar