

**EXHIBIT C**

Dear Mr. Wolf,

I'm a resident of the San Fernando Valley where I live with my wife and eleven year old son, Charlie. Charlie and I spend a great deal of time exploring the Los Angeles River around the Sepulveda Dam which is a bike ride from our home in Van Nuys, and also along the Griffith Narrows (Los Feliz Blvd and the 5 freeway) where I take him and other 5th graders fishing on a regular basis. We tromp around the soft bottom stretch of river there, catching and releasing carp by the dozens, an activity that brings excitement and joy to these boys' lives.

Having grown up on the Union River in Western Washington, I'm a man who understands the value of river interaction. Already my son possesses an understanding of nature and his place in the dance of life, because of his relationship with the Los Angeles River. We walk along her shores where we can, bike her paths where they exist, and wade her shallows, seeking out adventures, fishing holes and wildlife. He is always questioning why our access to the river is so limited and we both long to canoe the river, to experience it from another level altogether.

When I heard that you lead a boating expedition down the length of the Los Angeles River, I was extremely disappointed to have missed that opportunity. I have been researching this waterway for for some time for a screenplay that I'm writing, entitled Riverwalk. To have journeyed with you and your team would have given me tremendous insight and paved the way for my son to experience this rite of passage. Boys and rivers go together, no matter how much concrete has been deposited.

I am passionate about canoing and kayaking and exploring rivers. To be able to do that through the center of Los Angeles, so close to my home and on a waterway with such a vital history, is of great importance to me. I am in full support your efforts to raise awareness of this amazing natural fact and to open even greater access to the LA River. I want my son and his classmates to have a profound understanding of this incredible basin in which we live, and to know with clear certainty and respect, that a river runs through it.

Thank you for your efforts and commitment to revitalizing this crucial waterway. The river's survival is our very own.

With gratitude,

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Dear George,

As an avid outdoorsman and boater, and former L.A. resident, I would be thrilled to be able to kayak the L.A. River. So many people in southern California feel the same way. It's so sad that we've even gotten to this point where we have to debate whether to protect a natural waterway.

Sincerely,

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Dear George,

Please convey to our visiting EPA Chief that I want to boat the Los Angeles River. I want to kayak it. I want to take my daughter and her friends down the river in whatever vessel is safe and legal. I want to recreate on the river that runs through the middle of our city. I walk the river, now that we have paths and access... and would walk different parts of it if there were more paths and more access.

I think there should be stone steps down into the riverbed-- like in Paris and in so many other cities. There should be small gardens planted in the mitigated concrete riverbanks. When it rains and the river runs high, the steps, the plants, go underwater. No problem. Many, many cities have rivers running through them-- we don't need to fear it so much. We must be protected from floods-- I do not argue with that-- but there is a way to be intelligent about flood control without overreacting and closing off the river entirely.

I ask the EPA to deem our river navigable, and not to become an obstruction to the citizens of Los Angeles enjoying their river.

Thank you.

Julie Hébert  
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Hi George --

I'm the (now laid-off) founder of the LA Times' breaking news blog, LA Now. I blogged your [summer river kayak](#), and send the LAT photos to catch some of the fun. Please let me know next time you're taking a trip -- I'd love to come and blog and spread the word. And if we have enough notice, David Kipen, an expat Angeleno living in DC, can catch a flight in order to catch the current.

Thank you!

Veronique de Turenne

Hi George,

When I think of the L.A. River, the last thing I think of is boating, so the idea intrigues me. It would be fantastic if the waters were deep enough to be navigable by something more than a kayak. Can you imagine sailing down the L.A. River? What a fantastic dream. If your efforts can help make it happen, I'm there 110%! As Chair of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Parks Committee, I can assure you that our Community would love to host a dock.

Cheers,

Craig Buck

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I grew up in New York City a few blocks from the Hudson River. When I was a child, not only was swimming or fishing in the river a joke, but one didn't even dare go near it in a small boat or canoe due to its toxicity. Years later, the impossible happened and the river was cleaned up, and I had the opportunity to kayak in the Hudson river. It was a wonderful experience that I thought would never happen.

Now I live in Los Angeles and we too have this wonderful river, the Los Angeles River, in our own backyard. I would like my son to have the same experience I had on the Hudson, to see a river transformed into a place where the community and visitors can enjoy all sorts of activities along the LA river, including kayaking and canoeing. Let's join with the spirit of our new administration and tackle problems and create solutions we never thought were possible, because what we usually find in the end is that not only were these solutions entirely possible, but they were practical and benefited many.

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Dear George,

Yes! I would love to be able to kayak on the LA River. I have spent years in Boston, many of them toting a kayak on the roof for the impulsive paddle in the Charles River. I have been very frustrated at the lack of opportunities to kayak or canoe on Southern California waterways. Please add me to the list of folks you are sending to the EPA as supporting recreational boating on the LA River.

-- Sarah Elkind

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Dear George:



I am most definitely interested in kayaking along the LA River and look forward to the day when that is not only formally allowed but actively encouraged.

Your's truly.

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To whom it concerns:

I have followed the sad effort to penalize the local EPA person for boating on the River. Honestly, I think that in and of itself is a shame on those trying to punish her. I also think it would be wonderful to allow recreational boating on the LA River-even if it were a guided effort 1x per year. I thoroughly enjoyed a UCLA trip on Ballona Creek, with tons of bird watching, etc. Why shouldn't our public resource be our public resource? And for goodness sakes, why is the reclaimed water from Sepulveda Reclamation plant being wasted so?

Inquiring minds want to know!

Best wishes and thank you for your consideration.

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Hi George,

I hope I'm not too late to add my name to the chorus of people that are interested in revitalizing the Los Angeles River.

I am particularly interested in seeing the L.A. River revitalized for recreational purposes. I was lucky enough to attend a high school with an Outdoor Education program, and since being introduced to the Kern River in the early 1990s I have made many trips to run both the upper and lower sections of that river in all manner of watercraft, including kayaks, inflatable kayaks ("duckies"), and rafts.

Considering I live less than 10 minutes from the Los Feliz Blvd section of the L.A. River, it would indeed be a thrilling development to have our hometown river open for recreational activity.

Please contact me in the future with any other news about these developments. I followed your L.A. River trip online on several blogs and thought it was an awesome idea. It looked like fun too!

Thanks,

Evan Calbi  
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Hi...

Just want you to know I would love to boat on the LA River. What a fabulous way of knowing the city and the river....a real plus for all of us.

Sincerely,

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(who, despite address below, lives in West LA)

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Hi George,

I grew up in Torrance but went to a high school in Palos Verdes called Chadwick. It has a really amazing outdoor education program. A friend from the school who has worked as an outdoor ed. instructor and river guide at NOLS and Boojum and now REI is my main buddy for the Kern River trips. I'm all for getting involved, so let me know if I can help. Thanks for the work you're doing!

Evan

o Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for considering granting the LA River federal Clean Water Act protections. The river is a vital environmental and cultural resource in Los Angeles, one that should be nurtured and protected. I urge the EPA to grant protection to the LA River.

Sincerely,

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Dear George,

I am a longtime ocean kayaker, and I would love to be able to kayak on some of the upper portions of the LA River. I heartily endorse efforts to open the river for such usage.



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Dear George,  
Please represent my desire to boat recreationally on the Los Angeles River. It is a waterway that should be made available for all types of recreation.

Thank you,  
Nicholas Bauch, Los Angeles

Dear George,

With luck we will have a few rainstorms this year big enough to actually see the Los Angeles River rush towards the ocean as a raging river. During the remaining 350+ days of the year its gently flowing water passing some green bottom and side areas, little waterfalls, ducks and herons, fishermen, and beautiful bridges, is an easily accessible, hidden treasure gradually being rediscovered by more and more Angelinos. I would love for myself and lots of other people to have the opportunity to go kayaking down the Los Angeles River almost any time during the year; it would be a fun and inexpensive adventure right here in our own backyard. We are one of the park poorest cities in the country; this would be a great opportunity to immediately add to our recreation potential. At North East Trees we have designed and built over a dozen parks adjacent to the LA River; 'greening' of the river has become a high priority for the whole city and nothing is better than a hands-on experience to get us in touch with nature and our local heritage. Anything we can do to help make that possible is welcome. Good luck in your efforts.

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and,  
for identification purposes,  
Director of Planning and Design at North East Trees

Dear David Smith,

I kayaked the Los Angeles River successfully in 2007. I can assure you it is navigable from the headwaters to the LA Harbor. Here's a link to a 6-minute video on YouTube about the 51-mile journey navigating the entire river.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZY9rIEHYi8>

In my experience navigating other rivers in the United States, including the entire Mississippi River in 2003, I can attest to the unique elements of the LA River that make it a cultural asset to the people that live here. I enjoyed the concrete waterway as much as I enjoyed the natural areas in the Sepulveda Basin, Glendale Narrows, and the last few miles in Long Beach. Those concrete areas are culturally and historically rich, and provide a unique experience only found in Los Angeles.

Besides safety issues during rain events, I see no other reason to take the Los Angeles River away from Los Angeles citizens. Those safety issues exist for virtually every other navigable river in the United States. To render the Los Angeles River off-limits to boaters, would not be in the interest of many stakeholders in this community.

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