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Mr. Scott Ochoa, City Manager
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Arroyo Verdugo Trail Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Ochoa:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy would like to express our support and encouragement for the City of Glendale to study the feasibility of implementing a bicycle and pedestrian trail utilizing the Verdugo Wash flood control channel right-of-way (ROW).

This trail would offer significant public benefits to the Glendale region including providing new alternative transportation, recreation, connectivity, and improving the health of the residents. Furthermore, it would provide an opportunity for the City to connect to the significant improvements being planned and implemented along the Los Angeles River and will connect to the existing extensive bicycle and pedestrian trail. Not only would this improve mobility and provide much needed recreational space but would turn what is now an unsafe, blighted land use into a regionally significant amenity. Additionally, as research has shown, the creation of this new environmental amenity would stimulate economic development.

The Verdugo Wash has the potential to be transformed into a vibrant multi-use trail that will serve Los Angeles, the nation's second largest metropolitan area. We encourage the City of Glendale to conduct a feasibility study for a new bicycle and pedestrian trail along the Verdugo Wash.

Sincerely,

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson

cc: Arroyo Verdugo Trail Committee