



**P.O. Box 16192, Long Beach, California 90806**

August 17, 2004

Honorable Mayor O'Neill and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
333 West Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, California 90802

RE: San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)  
Agenda Item R-14 - Support for Request to the City Attorney for a Resolution

Dear Mayor O'Neill and City Council Members:

The Wrigley Association Board of Directors unanimously voted to oppose the proposed devolution of the RMC and the California State Coastal Conservancy. We urge you to join us in supporting efforts to ensure that the RMC remains a responsibility of the Resources Agency.

As the Wrigley Association's Environmental Chair, I witnessed the crucial role that this City, under the leadership of Councilmember Colonna and former Councilmember Oropeza, played in shaping the legislation that resulted in the formation of the RMC. The RMC is a pioneering effort that the Resources Agency should be using as a model.

As a member of the RMC working group, I participated in planning efforts that led to the creation of the State's, and quite possibly the nation's, first open space and watershed management plan focusing on an urban environment. The RMC is an outstanding example of the "Out-of-the-Box" thinking that was supposed to be the foundation for the California Performance Review process.

In closing, the Wrigley Association would like to take this opportunity to thank Councilman Colonna and his staff for all of their hard work in making the RMC a public agency of which the residents of Long Beach can be very, very proud.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan V. Greenwood".

Joan V. Greenwood, President