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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Jerry Brown Jr.
Governor of California
c/o Assemblymember Kevin McCarty
915 L Street, Suite 110
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 1716: Lower American River Conservancy Program

Dear Governor Brown,

This letter is to express the joint support of the Midtown Neighborhood Association board and the Newton Booth Neighborhoods Association for *Assembly Bill 1716: Lower American River Conservancy Program (McCarty and Cooley)*.

The American River Parkway is vital to the people, economy and culture of Sacramento. Since our city's founding more than 150 years ago, the American River has been a defining element of our region. Residents and visitors alike rely on the river for exercise such as swimming, walking, hiking and cycling. It also provides beauty and a place to relax in nature as well as a natural habitat for diverse species.

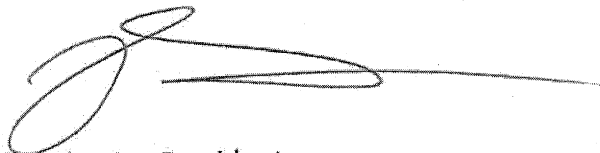
If we want to continue to enjoy the benefits of the American River Parkway, we need to invest in restoring riparian and floodplain habitat. This in turn brings the added benefit of protecting surrounding areas against flood and improves water quality for downstream users. We also need to improve safety and access and educate the public on how to be good stewards of the environment, and this bill will help California do that.

We appreciate the opportunity to show our support for this important legislation that will help preserve one of Sacramento's precious natural resources.

Respectfully,



Angela Tillotson, Chair
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