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Dear Friends:

During my tenure as Los Angeles City Councilmember, I have spearheaded the revitalization of the Los Angeles River, one of the last great opportunities to connect people with nature. To ensure that future generations enjoy this natural resource, we need to plan for the impacts of climate change. With this in mind, I am happy to support the Mediterranean City: A Conference on Climate Change.

California is a leader in passing legislation targeting the root causes of climate change. While I am proud of this accomplishment, it is only step one. Step two is to create strategies that allow us to adapt to a changing environment. This is not easy. In fact, addressing the impacts of climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our generation. Thank you to the Council for Watershed Health and its partners for organizing the Conference on Climate Change, which brings the scientific, corporate, government, and policy communities to create strategies and solutions. Working together, we can accomplish great things.

I have visited cities internationally to study how urban waterways are revitalized. I invite you to take a look at our own L.A. River. The Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan aims to transform a 32-mile stretch of the L.A. River within the City's boundaries into a continuous greenbelt linking communities. We have a tremendous opportunity to get people out of their cars while providing a natural playground for our residents. From a heat island standpoint, the removal of concrete from the channel could be significant. Add to the equation the greenhouse gas reductions from creating more pedestrian and bike paths along the River and you begin to get a feel for its impact. These are the types of things we are working on achieving here in the City of Los Angeles.

We hope you will join us as we work together across national boundaries to build solutions to our greatest challenge. Once again, thank you and welcome to our home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ed P. Reyes'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'E' and 'R'.

ED P. REYES
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