

October 14, 2024

Dear Leslie,

I am writing as the chairperson of the Southeastern San Diego Community Planning Group (SSD CPG) regarding the proposed community green space around the Chollas Creek on National Avenue between the I-15 and I-5 freeways. This project has been a long-standing aspiration for our community, with its roots tracing back over a decade. The 2013 "National Avenue Corridor Master Plan" first identified this site as an underutilized opportunity area in need of re-imagination. Subsequently, the 2015 "Southeastern San Diego Community Plan" further emphasized its importance by listing the establishment of a new community park at this location as the top project under Public Park and Open Space Improvements.

The SSD CPG has recently reaffirmed the community's commitment to this project. On July 8, 2024, our group unanimously approved it as one of our four top priority capital improvement projects. This decision reflects the continued relevance and importance of this green space to our neighborhood, and since our July meeting, we have seen further evidence of community support. So far, fifty-six community members have added their names in support of this project, representing a broader interest in this project. These individuals speak for many others who have long advocated for these types of enhancements in our community.

The potential progress on this long-anticipated project is encouraging. This green space would address a recognized need in our community and align with established planning documents. Its development would represent a significant step towards fulfilling the vision laid out in our community plans and meeting the expressed desires of our residents.

We look forward to seeing how this project develops and appreciate the attention it is receiving.

Sincerely,

Amie Gutierrez (Hayes)
Chair, Southeastern San Diego Community Planning Group