April 5, 2022

Councilmember Mike Bonin

Los Angeles City Council District 11

200 N Spring St #475

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Councilmember Bonin,

 The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa sees merit in the exploration of a pilot project known as the “Interceptor” trash clean up system for Ballona Creek. Our understanding is the Interceptor is a floating platform designed to collect river plastic and other debris that flows down river from all parts of Los Angeles County, thereby reducing ocean pollution. Although we support this pilot project there are concerns/issues with the proposal between Los Angeles County and The Ocean Cleanup Interception B.V., including but not limited to:

* Undetermined capture performance criteria
* No performance results to date
* Safety/ liability of the platform as an attractive nuisance
* No current operation, maintenance, repair procedures in place
* Uncertain visual appearance of platform and noise levels to nearby residents
* Preference for a 1 year pilot period with the option of a second year

The Neighborhood Council has a strong desire to keep the Playa Del Rey coastline clean, however this project must not create new hazards or significantly degrade the beauty of our community.

Regards,

Paula Gerez

President, Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa

CC: Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell