Title: Motion for the NCWP to provide a letter of support for the "Interceptor"
Meeting date: August 9, 2022
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Committee Vote (if appropriate): 5-1 in favor
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? YesX_ No
Additional documents attached? X Yes No

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa provides a letter of support for The Ocean Cleanup "Interceptor" with concerns to Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin and Los Angels County Supervisor Holly Mitchell.

BACKGROUND:

Playa del Rey beach inherits a significant amount of debris from all over Los Angeles County into Ballona Creek. Most debris arrives during the rainy season when combined sewer overflow carries debris to the creek and eventually the ocean. A more efficient system is needed to remove debris prior to discharging into the ocean.

DISCUSSION:

Floating booms are currently used to trap floating debris, which is later removed by county sanitation crews. Although the "Interceptor" is not yet a fully proven piece of equipment and currently is in the pilot phase, there is merit in this concept to remove floating debris from the river more efficiently. Therefore a limited test period of 2 years is currently underway to evaluate: capture efficiency, uptime, operational/maintenance procedures, community support and other metrics.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Not Applicable

ATTACHMENTS:

Copy of letter of support for the "Interceptor"

MOTION:

That the Neighborhood Council:

Approve a letter of support with concerns for the "Interceptor" by The Ocean Cleanup to Los Angeles City Council Mike Bonin and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Holly Mitchell.