

Month, Day, 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 (NCWP) 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 floating 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:

- Uncertain capture performance criteria
- Safety/ liability of the platform as an attractive nuisance
- System is not custom designed for optimal trash removal for Ballona Creek
- Project should address the concern of the community (uncertain visual appearance of platform and noise levels to nearby residents)
- No planned town hall discussion to review performance results

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 and the public should be well informed of activities associated with the projects.

Regards,

Paula Gerez
President, Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa

CC: Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell