



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
Public Comment		Favor	Marcia L Nation	
			Puneet S Gupta	In favor of 9, 12, 14
		Other	Elvis Diaz	Chair and Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, My name is Elvis Diaz. I live in Watts, near the Upper Compton Creek flood control channel at 108th Street and South Central Avenue. I am a member of the parents association at Verbum Dei High School. I submit this comment on behalf of the children at 112th Street Elementary School, Verbum Dei High School, and Maxine Waters Adult School, the elders who gather at the Watts Labor Community Action Committee senior center, and the families who walk and live near this coordidoor. Corridor conditions and proximity to schools and community centers The stretch of Upper Compton Creek behind our neighborhood is lined by chain link fencing meant to restrict access to the flood control channel. In reality, the fence has been cut open repeatedly at multiple locations. The easement is breached, and people enter and camp inside a facility not designed to hold human beings, particularly those with medical, behavioral health, or safety needs. This corridor is a daily route for children walking to 112th Street Elementary, teenagers walking to Verbum Dei, adult learners attending Maxine Waters Adult School, seniors using the WLCAC campus, and local families walking to transit. These groups pass open hazards on their way to school, programs, and home. Public Works has acknowledged vandalism and fencing damage, yet the same openings remain and the same risks persist. Documented incidents: fires, extreme exposure, and gun activity These dangers are not hypothetical. I have documented fires inside the easement, individuals walking nude in front of students and staff, and gun activity linked to encampments inside or immediately adjacent to the channel. Residents and school communities have observed these incidents in real time. The County infrastructure that should protect housed and unhoused residents has remained compromised. These are foreseeable, preventable safety risks occurring on County controlled property next to schools and community centers. Public Records Act request and "storm preparation" response To understand why conditions remain unaddressed, I submitted a Public Records Act request. County staff, including Thomas Logue, stated that responding would take time away from storm preparation. That framing is troubling. Preventing people from entering a dangerous flood control channel, preventing fires and gun activity, and keeping children from walking past a repeatedly breached easement is storm preparation. Protecting life is the core of emergency management. Emergency Central Response timeline and unresolved status Emergency Central Response has stated that cases of this type average eighty nine days for resolution. My case has now exceeded one hundred sixty days in one of the locations and the largest one 280 days with no durable corrective action at either location. This is not a minor delay. It signals that this corridor and this community are not being treated with urgency. Meetings with deputies

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and declined meeting with the Supervisor I followed all available channels before submitting public comment. I met with Supervisor Mitchell's deputies, including Anissa Lopez, Ramses Mayorga, Donald Holt, and DPW reps, and was told meetings with the Supervisor must be scheduled far in advance. After receiving no follow up or resolution, I requested a meeting with the Supervisor a full year ahead to discuss safety conditions along the corridor. The request was declined with a generic response that did not address any of the specific concerns raised. There has been no meaningful engagement from the office on this issue. "LAPD issue" response and County responsibility When reporting fires and gun activity, I was told by County staff member Tyler Ladzinski that this is an LAPD issue. That is incomplete. LAPD does not control the fencing, easement, or flood control infrastructure. Those are County responsibilities. The request is not for increased enforcement. It is for basic stewardship of County property to reduce foreseeable harm to both housed and unhoused people. Homelessness, compassion, and the failure to provide services Restricting access to the channel alone will not solve homelessness. People living inside the flood control facility need outreach, housing, and services. But the current approach provides neither durable safety nor meaningful services. Since the last cleanup, there has been no consistent County presence to offer sustained outreach or protect the surrounding community. Temporary cleanups without infrastructure improvements or ongoing service engagement result in unhoused people returning to dangerous conditions and housed residents continuing to face fires, extreme exposure, and gun activity. Requested Board and District 2 actions In light of these conditions, I respectfully request the following: Designate District 2 as a clear conduit Direct Supervisor Mitchell's office to serve as an active point of contact between the community and County departments with jurisdiction over this corridor. Direct Public Works to create a hardening plan Require a site specific plan that reinforces the ingress points repeatedly cut open, addresses design weaknesses that enable breaching, and reduces fire risk inside the channel. Require coordinated service outreach Ensure that homeless service and behavioral health providers conduct regular, coordinated outreach so that people living in or near the channel receive consistent engagement rather than repeated displacement. Provide a written response and timeline Require District 2 and Public Works to outline short term actions, a schedule for hardening ingress points, and a plan for coordinated outreach and monitoring. Treat this as an ongoing priority Acknowledge that this is not a one time issue. The Upper Compton Creek corridor requires structural changes and sustained attention. Closing I do not submit this comment out of anger. I submit it because communities like mine should not have to fight to be visible or safe. Watts deserves the same urgency and care as any other part of Los Angeles County. If these conditions remain unresolved, I will continue returning to this Board and continue documenting this corridor until there is a durable solution that protects our children, our elders, and the unhoused people placed in harm's way inside a County flood control facility. Their lives are not theoretical. Their safety should not be optional.

Sylvia Hornidge

Animals in our shelters are abused, and euthanized too quickly. Their flesh is sold to a rendering plant in Vernon. Who benefits from their deaths? At about

				\$300 a dog we need to know!
		Item Total	4	
Grand Total			4	