

April 24, 2014

Hon. Judy Chu
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re: San Gabriels National Recreation Area

Dear Congresswoman,

I am writing with strong support for your efforts to create a San Gabriels' National Recreation Area along with Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River Designations. If there is anyway I can be helpful in this cause, please count on me.

As former chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee in Sacramento, I fought hard to gain resources and recognition for the whole San Gabriel River watershed, working closely with my colleague, then-Senator Hilda Solis. We succeeded after a hard fight. Your federal measure can enhance and expand upon our modest earlier efforts.

The racial and socio-economic disparities in public access to wilderness and recreation areas has been painfully clear to me for some time. However, working with Sen. Solis in the past and the Los Angeles' City Project in the present, convinces me that progress towards environmental and social justice is achievable with effective political leadership, the exposure of disparities, and the committed work of community-based coalitions.

Thank you for carrying on. I would like to associate myself with the letter previously sent by The City Project, on whose board I sit. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

TOM HAYDEN