

LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION PLAN (LLARRP) WORKING GROUP MEETING #4

Thursday, August 4, 2016 ♦ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Bell Community Center, 6250 Pine Avenue, Bell, CA 90201

S U M M A R Y R E P O R T

INTRODUCTION

On August 4, 2016, California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon of the 63rd Assembly District and the Rivers and Mountain Conservancy (RMC) co-hosted the fourth meeting of the Working Group for the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP). The purpose of the meeting was to review suggested River Segment Committees and Plan Element Committees, and develop preliminary ideas toward assets, issues, and opportunities along the River.

Meeting Format and Agenda

The fourth meeting of the Working Group occurred on August 4, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Bell Community Center, 6250 Pine Avenue, Bell. Approximately 38 representatives participated, and roughly 20 members of the public and staff from participating agencies also attended to listen and learn (Attachment B).

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer of the RMC opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and explaining the purpose and objectives of the meeting. He then introduced Daniel Iacofano of MIG, Inc., who served as meeting facilitator and provided an overview of the agenda (Attachment A) and meeting format before asking for self-introductions from all participants.

Mr. Iacofano then introduced Mark Pestrella, Chief Deputy Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, who shared his recommendation to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to update the Los Angeles River Master Plan and enter into non-financial, cooperative agreements with other organizations to share information.

During the meeting, Mr. Iacofano included PowerPoint slides to support review of agenda items and discussion points (Attachment C). Working Group members then participated in breakout sessions organized by three segments of the Lower L.A. River, where they mapped issues and opportunities related to the segments and local communities. During their reports back to the larger Working Group, Andy Pendoley of MIG recorded key points break out sessions on a wall-sized piece of paper, or “wallgraphic.” A summary of the discussion and detailed discussion points from the breakout sessions are provided in the following sections, and a photo-reduced copy of the maps and wallgraphic is included as Attachment D.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

The following sections provide a summary of discussions among Working Group members. Discussion topics included: breakout sessions and reports back, as organized by river segments; and next steps.

Breakout Sessions

Mr. Iacofano introduced delineations for three River segments: City of Vernon to Rio Hondo Channel, Rio Hondo Channel to Compton Creek, and Compton Creek to the L.A. River Outlet. He asked Working Group members to join their preferred River Segment Committee in a breakout session. The purpose of the breakout sessions was to begin to identify and map key assets, issues, opportunities and partners along each segment. Each River Segment Committee recorded their input and ideas with an aerial map, icon cut-outs for the map, markers, tape and a map legend to guide the exercise.



Working Group members self-facilitated their discussions, while project team members provided support by recording discussion points on flipchart pages. Following is a summary of the detailed discussions recorded on the flipcharts and the report backs summarized on the wallgraphic as provided by each breakout group to the larger Working Group.

City of Vernon to Rio Hondo Channel Segment

Issues

- Railroads
- Trail dead-ends
- Industrial uses
- Closed-off roads
- Brownfields
- I-710
- East-West connections
- Lack of amenities
- Homelessness
- Width of right of way
- Potential for gentrification

Opportunities

- Use existing bridges to improve connectivity
- Strengthen bike connectivity between L.A. River and Rio Hondo
- Create greenways
- Install signage/wayfinding
- Expand access at key locations
- Use easements to facilitate access and connectivity
- Add amenities to areas adjacent to industrial areas that can be used by community local employees by day and residents on nights and weekends
- Expand Wifi/lighting
- Create multi-use trails (horse, bike, ped)
- Turn businesses to face and engage the river
- Utilize the utility corridors for connectivity, access and trails
- Create pocket parks from small parcels, empty lots and warehouses
- Create job trails that connect to Vernon

Partners

- Local municipalities
- Trust for Public Land Los Angeles
- Imperial Equestrian Center
- From Lot to Spot

- East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice
- Southeast Los Angeles Civic Leadership Academy
- Neighborhood Watch Groups
- L.A. Bicycle Coalition
- Compton Jr. Posse

Rio Hondo Channel to Compton Creek Segment

Issues

- Poor connectivity
- Poor visibility

Opportunities

- Include different users and communities
- Leverage existing assets
- Promote economic development for local and small businesses
- Expand cross-river and corridor connectivity especially on the West side.
 - Asphalt or dirt trails
- Improve safety and visibility at undercrossings
- Balance people, nature, and development
- Focus on nature restoration
- Develop transit/river links with L.A. Metro
- Pursue joint use agreements between schools, parks, and the river

Partners

- Community based organizations
- Local businesses
- Health care providers and clinics
- Work source centers
- Local municipalities
- Law enforcement
- L.A. County
- Metro

Compton Creek to L.A. River Outlet Segment

Issues

- Development conflicts between public and private space
- Difficult river crossings

Opportunities

- Leverage new/existing parks
- Create cross-river trail access
- Utilize soft bottom sections of the river
- Improve access and amenities for the Westside
- Link to Long Beach with bicycle infrastructure

Partners

- Local municipalities
- River advocates
- Equity advocates
- Schools
- Port of Long Beach
- Equestrian Advocates
- Job development
- Small businesses
- Cultural groups

NEXT STEPS

Mr. Iacofano and Mr. Stanley concluded the meeting by thanking Working Group members, and confirming among representatives of specific cities that the next three meetings would occur on the dates at the following locations:

- Thursday, September 8, 2016, South Gate
- Thursday, October 6, 2016, Downey
- Thursday, November 3, 2016, Maywood
- Thursday, December 1, 2016, Bell Gardens

ATTACHMENT A: AGENDA

**LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION PLAN (LLARRP)
WORKING GROUP PROJECT MEETING No. 4**

Thursday, August 4, 2016
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Bell Community Center
6250 Pine Avenue
Bell, CA 90201

Meeting Objectives:

1. Initiate River Segment Committee discussions.
2. Schedule Plan Element Committee meetings.

A G E N D A

6:00 pm	I.	Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Overview Mark Stanley, Executive Officer, RMC Daniel Iacofano, Meeting Facilitator, MIG
6:05 pm	II.	Los Angeles County Update Mark Pestrella, Chief Deputy Director, LACDPW
6:20 pm	III.	Brief Summary of LLARRP Working Group Meeting No. 3
6:25 pm	IV.	Suggested River Segment Committees: Breakout Session A. Community assets B. Issues and challenges C. Ideas and opportunities
7:45 pm	V.	River Segment Committees Reports to Full Working Group
8:20 pm	VI.	Plan Element Committees A. Participants B. Meeting schedule
8:45 pm	VII.	Summary and Next Steps
8:50 pm	VIII.	Announcements and Public Comment
9:00 pm	IX.	Meeting Close...and Networking!

ATTACHMENT B: SIGN-IN SHEETS

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	Organization	Appointee	Alternate	Alternate's Email	Initial
1	Businesses - Chamber of Commerce	Efrén Martinez			
2	California Assembly District 63	Raul Alvarez	Jeremy Roseman	jeremy.roseman@asm.ca.gov	
3	City of Bell	Ali Saleh	Nestor Enrique Valencia	nvalencia@cityofbell.ca.gov	
4	City of Bell Gardens	Pedro Aceituno	PA		
5	City of Cudahy	Baru Sanchez			
6	City of Downey	Sean Ashton			
7	City of Huntington Park	Graciela Ortiz			
8	City of Long Beach	Al Austin	Jonathan Kraus	jonathan.kraus@longbeach.gov	JK
9	City of Los Angeles	Carol Armstrong	Mike Affeldt		
10	City of Lynwood	Aide Castro	Maria T. Santhillan Beas	maria.santhillanbeas@yahoo.com	ac
11	City of Maywood	Eddie De La Riva			
12	City of Paramount	Chris Castro Gene Daniels*	Wendy Macias		
13	City of South Gate	Jorge Morales	ARTURO GARCIA		
14	City of Vernon	Alex Kung	Derek Wieske		
15	Council of Watershed Health	Chris Solek	Wendy Ramallo		CS

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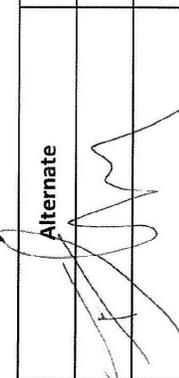
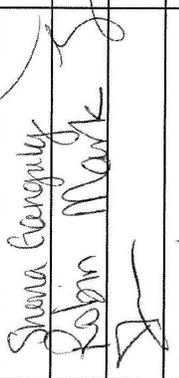
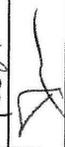
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16	East Yard Communities for Envir. Justice	Mark Lopez			ML
17	Friends of the LA River (FOLAR)	William P. Bowling	Marissa Christian	marissa@folar.org	MC
18	From Lot to Spot (FLTS)	Viviana Franco	<i>[Signature]</i>		
19	Gateway Cities COG	Robert Garcia			
20	Gateway Water Management Authority	Christopher S. Cash			CC
21	Heal the Bay	James Alamillo	<i>[Signature]</i>		
22	LA County Bike Coalition	Tamika Butler	Bryan Moller	bryan@la-bike.org	BT
23	LA Neighborhood Land Trust	Alina Bokde			
24	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Dore Burry			
25	Long Beach Conservation Corps	Dan Knapp	Kearin Hopkins	khopkins@lcbcc.org	KH
26	Prevention Institute	Manal Aboelata	Ana Bonilla	aibarauez@prevention.org	AB
27	Public Counsel	Christina Giorgio	Natasha Reyes	nreyes@publiccounsel.org	NR
28	Los Angeles County 1st District	Teresa Villegas	Rita Mahajan	Rmahajan@publiccounsel.org	RV
29	Los Angeles County 2nd District	Karly Katona	Lacey Johnson		
30	Los Angeles County 4th District	Julie Moore			

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31	Regional Water Quality Control Board	Irma Muñoz			
32	River LA	Maria Camacho			MC
33	The Nature Conservancy	Jill Sourial			
34	The Trust for Public Land	Tori Kjer	Robin Mark	robin.mark@tpl.org	RK
35	Trails for All	Jim Meyer			JM
36	Urban Waters Federal Partnership	Pauline Louie	Diana Varot	dvarat@ucla.edu	DV
37	Water Replenishment District	Willard Murray			
38	Watershed Conservation Authority	Debbie Enos			DE
39	Watts Reimagined	Frank O'Brien			
	Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	Mark Stanley MS			
	Los Angeles County 1st District	KeAndra Dodds			

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1	EVELYN CORTEZ-DAVIS	LADWP	213 367 3564	
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4	Ira Artz	Tetra Tech	✓	✓
5	Mia Kiefer	MLTA	213 384 3844	mike@mlagreen.com
6	MATT ZOMERO	MLTA	9144	Matthew@mlagreen.com
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10	Matt Grayley	" "	562 433 0757	" " "

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11	Scott Cher	LA River Expeditions		scottcher85@gmail.com
12	K. Flores			
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14	Stephen Scott	City of LB	562-570-3230	-
15	Elizabeth Alcantara	County of LA, 1st		
16	Sarah McMinimy	Steer Davies Cleave	213 292 1379	Sarah.mcmiminy@sdcgworld.net
17	Consuelo Montoya	ONS College of Art Design		cnelasw@cats.edu
18	Angela George	LAARDW		ageorge@dau.lacounty.gov
19	Jack Ficht	WildHabitats Planners	323 362-6737	jack.ficht@wildhabitatsplanners.com
20	Nestor Enriquez Valencia	City of LB OUR SALUD	310-749-6801	nestor.valencia@att.net

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	Name	Organization	Phone	Email
21	JOSE GARDEA		323 559-1762	
22	AMANDA WILES	MEL CHIN STUDES		
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ATTACHMENT C: POWERPOINT



Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions and Overview
- Los Angeles County Update
- Summary of Meeting #3
- Suggested River Segment Committees: Breakout Session
- Reports Back to Working Group
- Plan Element Committees
- Summary and Next Steps
- Announcements and Public Comments

LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION PLAN (LLARRP)
 WORKING-GROUP PROJECT MEETING No. 4
 FRIDAY, August 5, 2016
 9:00am - 4:00pm
 8th Community Center
 4000 Main Street
 Bldg. 1A 1000

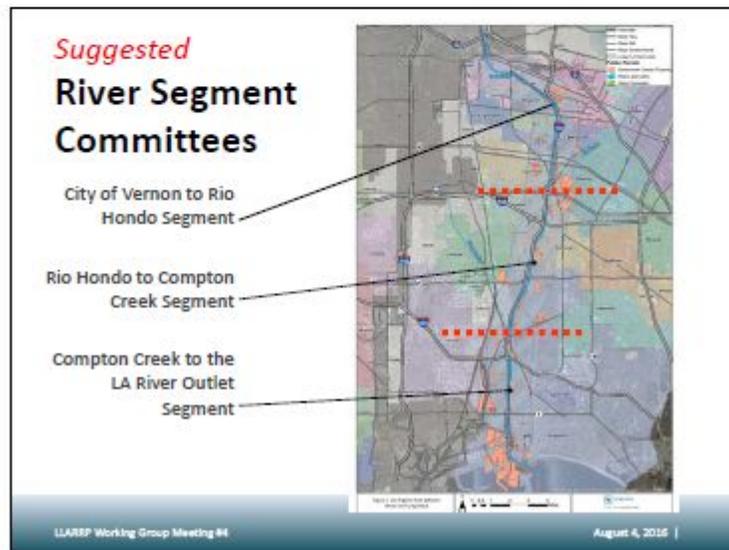
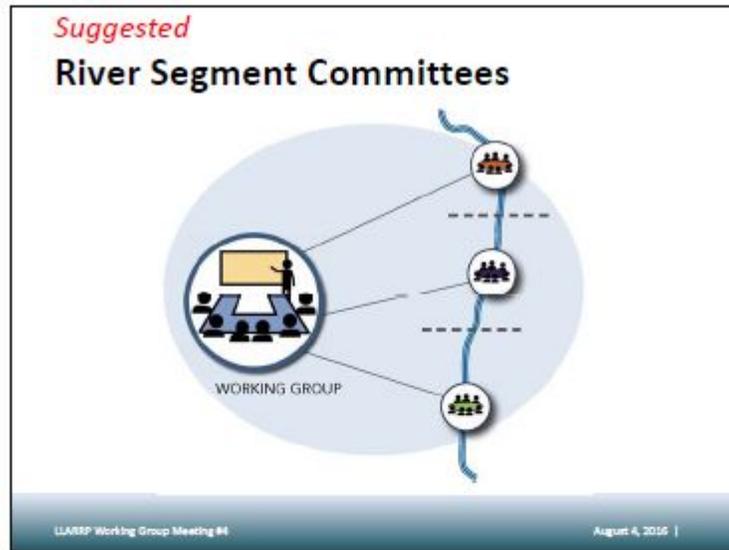
Meeting Objectives:
 1. Update River Segment Council on decisions.
 2. Schedule the Element Committee meetings.

A G E N D A

9:00 am	I	Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Overview Bill Conroy, Environmental Officer, CDR (310)425-6100, bconroy@larrp.org
9:30 am	II	Los Angeles County Update Jeff Williams, Chief Deputy Director, LARCD (310)425-6100, jwilliams@larcd.org
10:00 am	III	BWW Summary of LLARRP Working Group Meeting No. 3
10:30 am	IV	Suggested River Segment Committees: Breakout Session A. Community Goals B. Needs and Challenges C. Ideas and Opportunities
1:00 pm	V	BWW Report Back to Working Group
2:00 pm	VI	Plan Element Committees A. Participation B. Meeting Schedule
3:00 pm	VII	Summary and Next Steps
3:30 pm	VIII	Announcements and Public Comments
4:00 pm	IX	Meeting Close and Networking

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Suggested

Vernon to Rio Hondo Segment Committee

JURISDICTIONS

- Bell
- Bell Gardens
- Commerce
- Cudahy
- Downey*
- Maywood
- South Gate
- Vernon
- Sup. Districts 1 and 4*



* Also in other segments

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Suggested

Rio Hondo to Compton Creek Segment Committee

JURISDICTIONS

- Compton
- Downey*
- Lynwood
- Long Beach*
- Paramount
- South Gate*
- Sup. Districts 2* and 4*



* Also in other segments

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Suggested

Compton Creek to LA River Outlet Segment Committee

JURISDICTIONS

- Carson
- Long Beach*
- Sup. Districts 2* and 4*



* Also in other segments

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Suggested

River Segment Committee Breakout Questions:

1. What are the assets and characteristics that define this segment and its communities?
2. What are issues, challenges and liabilities that must be solved in this segment?
3. What are ideas and **opportunities of Revitalization** for this segment and its communities?
4. Who are key partners and communities of interest in this segment and its communities who may be engaged in the process:
 - Community leaders: formal and informal?
 - Community-based organizations?
 - Neighborhood-based organizations?

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Mapping: Assets, Issues and Opportunities

Development Opportunity Catalytic development sites Development/Redevelopment Gentrification Other		Nature and Open Space Environmental/ecological restoration Land remediation Park land Recreation—Active Recreation—Passive Trails/Greenways Other	
Infrastructure Flood management Green infrastructure Maintenance Water supply/storage/recharge Other		Social Amenities Comfort/rest facilities Community centers Cultural resources Lighting Social gathering/activity areas Wifi Other	
Connectivity Access points/Trailheads Business access Bridges/connectors Signage—Interpretive Signage—Wayfinding Transportation Other		Additional Ideas	

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Breakout Group Startup . . .

- Choose a moderator for your group
- Review the questions
- Use Google Earth to zoom-in to specific locations, as needed
- Place map pieces at locations, and write descriptive notes and comments:
 - Map
 - Flipchart
- Choose a group member to report back to the larger group

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- ## Community Economics, Health and Equity
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- Community-based land use planning and design
 - Local business and workforce development
 - Social equity: displacement and gentrification
 - Environmental justice
 - Healthy communities
 - Affordable housing
 - Access: mobility and connectivity
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Community Engagement



- Participatory planning and design
- Neighborhood-based
- Youth, young adults and families
- Education: science and environment
- Arts, culture and history
- High-tech: social media; web tools
- High-touch: activities in the River; field trips

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Implementation



- Funding and financing
- Equity: investments and phasing
- Management and operations
- Governance
- Partners and stewards
- Technical support
- Environmental compliance and permitting
- Data and metrics tracking
- Integrated plans and programs

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Public Realm: Parks, Open Space, Placemaking and Public Safety



- Safety: design and enforcement
- Community ownership and stewardship
- Diversity: users, spaces, facilities and programs
- Integration of local plans
- Inter-jurisdictional management and maintenance
- Connectivity to key destinations
- Accessibility and connectivity: people and businesses

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Water and Environment



- Multi-objective and multi-benefit
- Flood management
- Green infrastructure
- Ecosystem health
- Watershed health
- Water supply and quality
- Brownfields and clean-up
- Carbon footprint
- Climate change
- Science and education
- Habitat restoration

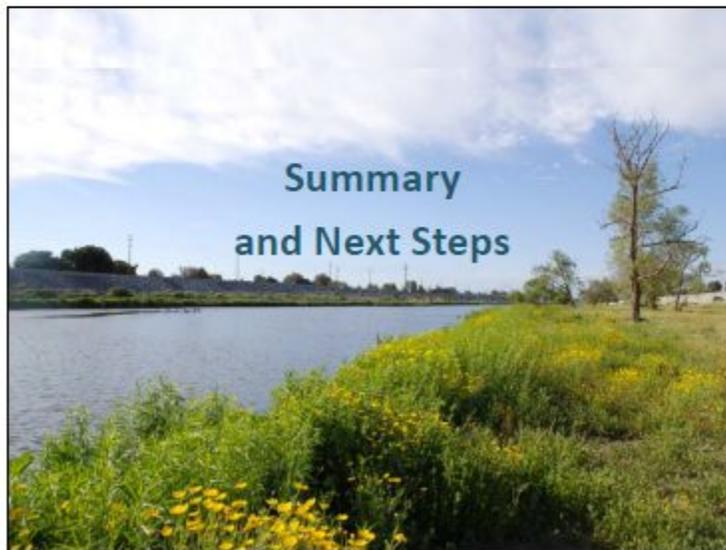
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Coordination: Plan Element Committees

- Who should be added to the Committee?
- When should the Committee meet? (Suggest monthly)
- Where should the Committee meet?
- What is the agenda for the first meeting? (Suggested:)
 - Introductions
 - Working Group members
 - Supporting participants
 - Review of Operating Guidelines
 - Detailed Scoping of the Plan Element
 - Summary and Next Steps
 - Assignments
 - Next meeting date and location

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Meeting Schedule

- First Thursday of each month
- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Through at least November 2017
- Next meetings:
 - Thursday, September 8, 2016, South Gate
 - Thursday, October 6, 2016, Downey
 - Thursday, November 3, 2016, ???

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ATTACHMENT D: WALLGRAPHIC

LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION PLAN
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- PROCESS...**
- 1. RFP'S?
 - YES: CONTRACTORS TO SUPPORT PLANNING
 - 2. LOCAL HIRE?
 - ENHANCED PROCESS: SMALL, MED, LARGE
 - GREATER EQUITY: SMALL & DEAD, BIZ
 - 3. TIMELINE?
 - ESTIMATE: 2 YRS.
 - 4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED?
 - EXPECT LOCAL N.G.O. OPPORTUNITIES.
 - NEED LOCAL EXPERTISE
 - 5. LOWER L.A. PLAN VS. FULL MASTER PLAN
 - LLAR W. GROUP & OUTCOME INCLUDED
 - RESPECT LOCAL PLANS.
- NEED PUBLIC OPINION TO BEAR?**
- LIGHTING & SAFETY: TODAY?
 - CLEAR & COORDINATED JURISDICTION: PARTNERS: COUNTY, CITY, COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP.
 - LOCAL CONTROL & SPONSORSHIP

NOV. 3: MIRAMONTE
 DEC: BELL GARDENS



