

Tim Kerr

From: lamaiaColeman@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 9:40 AM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: Support for City of Sacramento's request for exception for Two Rivers Trail Phase II

Mr Kerr,

I'm a resident of 420 T St, Sacramento (within the flood district) and I'm writing to urge the board of trustees to grant the City of Sacramento's request for an exception to the district's recreational trails policy for the Two Rivers Trail Phase II.

In the past I biked for transportation and often found the lack of connectivity on the south side of the river there frustrating. Increasing our bike network is valuable. Please approve the exception.

Sincerely,

Lamaia Coleman

Tim Kerr

From: Mel Melvin <sjmelmelvin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 7:53 AM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: I Support Two Rivers Levee Trail

Dear Mr. Kerr,

I'm a resident of Sacramento in the 96818 area code and I'm writing to urge the board of trustees to grant the City of Sacramento Department of Transportation's request for an exception to the district's recreational trails policy for the Two Rivers Trail Phase II to build a trail on top of a portion of the American River levee in River Park. As a bicyclist and bike commuter, this segment of trail is an integral part of the bicycle network and would further promote active transportation in the city as well as be a great amenity for recreational cyclists and pedestrians.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Mel Melvin
452 Tailoff Lane
Sacramento

Tim Kerr

From: Peter Tucker <tucker.peter.a@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 7:10 AM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: In Support of Two Rivers Trail Phase II

Mr. Kerr,

I am Peter Tucker, a resident of the American River Flood Control District. I reside at 6 Governors Court, Sacramento, 95817. I am writing to express my hope that you will support the further development of the Two Rivers Trail Phase II.

As an avid urban hiker, I have walked that part of the American River system many times. The wild radish bloom, for example, which happens every Spring is a particularly beautiful time to view the river. I know for a fact this part of the levee system containing the American River's flow is quite busy with hikers, dog walkers, joggers, and cyclists of all sorts. It is a resource enjoyed by all City residents, and one that should be an open classroom for people to learn about our environment.

The idea that a few neighbors can control access to the top of a levee system is as undemocratic as thinking that those neighbors own and control access to the streets they live on. The levees are already active avenues of foot and cycling traffic. Neighbor's fears of crime or homeless campers are groundless. More eyes on a resource, more witnesses, means less crime, not more.

Mr. Kerr, I wish I could be at this morning's meeting, but I am committed to attending a weekly website development meeting with members of the Sacramento Urban Creeks Council. We're responsible every year for organizing thousands of volunteers to help clean up public space around Sacramento County including along the American River flood plain at Cal Expo.

Please support the further development of the Two Rivers Trail Phase II.

Sincerely,

Peter Tucker
6 Governors Ct
Sacramento, CA 95817

Tim Kerr

From: JULIE A KANOFF <jkanoff@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 11:29 PM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: Two Rivers Trail Phase II

Hello - My name is Julie Kanoff, and I live at 407 Meister Way in Sacramento, adjacent to River Park and the proposed section of the Two Rivers Trail Phase II. I am writing to urge you to allow a section of the American River levee top be paved to complete the connection of the trail. Doing so will not only provide a continuous marked trail, it will ensure the levee is not degraded in any way by persons blazing their own trail. As a long-time bicyclist in the area, I have ridden the trails for many years and have observed people on and off bicycles carving passage ways down the sides of the levees, even when blocked off by fencing. In my mind, the damage to the environment and our important levee system is lessened when an adequate, maintained pathway is provided. Thank you for your consideration of my request. Julie Kanoff

Tim Kerr

From: Phyllis Ehlert <pehlert00@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:23 PM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: Twin Rivers Bike Trail Phase II

Mr Kerr—

My husband and I are Midtown residents who have in the past used American River bike trails. Although we no longer can, it really seems important that this outlet be available to young people today. There are more people and more bicycles today.

We would like to seem this connection completed.

Yours truly,

Phyllis Ehlert and Dennis Blegen

Sent from my iPhone

Tim Kerr

From: David Morrow <4djmorrow@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 9:25 PM
To: Tim Kerr

Tim Kerr, General Manager

Dear Tim,

I hope all is going well.

As a concerned community member, I am writing you to express my concern and opposition to impacts associated with the Phase II Two Rivers Trail Project (Project).

I am concerned that the Project will unnecessarily impact our local River Park Community. These impacts include the integrity of the levee, community safety, increased conflicts between parkway users, increased public traffic, and increase transient population along the parkway.

Early designs of the trail have included design and construction that includes a keyed-in lower levee trail. The planned excavation of the levee would likely destabilize the section of the impacted levee and putting our community at risk. The use of the top of the levee is equally ill-conceived as the City plan puts our local and larger community at risk.

In addition, the City has not been an honest partner in the development or implementation of the Project that impacts our community. Information that has been provided is only provided during periods of community member outcry. Furthermore, our local District Councilmember (Jeff Harris) fails to communicate with the local residents, and when confronted with our issues indicates that it won't help for our local residences to participate. For example, he indicated that we should not be attending Flood Control meetings, where he acts like he's a member of the Board. The CEQA process has not been completed and information is only provided upon request. The only participation from the City is at the action of an attorney.

If you were not aware, the City has already begun cutting back protected Elderberry in advance of the completed permitting process.

Increased risk to the levee integrity and non-participation from the City are some of the immediate issues. But long-term issues will impact us for years to come. These long-term impacts include increased conflict and collisions between pedestrians and the high-speed biking that a paved bike throughway encourages, sacrificing the safety of our long-time (and older) local users. Further, easier levee access will increase the impacts of illegal camping by our City's transient residents, increasing litter and crime along the trail and in the surrounding area. The paved north side of the levee is a good example of increased crime and trash that comes with a more transient population.

I know that the District has their own concerns with maintaining the levee with increased conflict between District maintenance staff and assumed public entitlements to use an "improved" levee surface.

I encourage the District and hope that they can act in the best interest of our local community and residences, and the District's overall interests for long-term levee protection and ongoing maintenance. Please don't allow the City to impact the levee or pave what we have left of a community favorite parkway.

Sincerely,

David Morrow
5611 Seward Ct.
Sacramento, CA 95819

Tim Kerr

From: Catherine O'Brien <catherine.obrien@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 7:29 PM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: Support 2 Rivers Trail Phase II

Mr Kerr,

I'm a district resident and I'm writing to urge the board of trustees to grant the City of Sacramento's request for an exception to the district's recreational trails policy for the Two Rivers Trail Phase II.

Thank you,

Catherine O'Brien
513 Uptown Alley
Sacramento CA 95818

Tim Kerr

From: Jim Waters <jwaters@westyost.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 7:13 PM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: Two Rivers Trail

Mr. Kerr,

I'm a resident of Sacramento and I'm writing to urge the American River Flood Control District board of trustees to grant the City of Sacramento's request for an exception to the district's recreational trails policy for the Two Rivers Trail Phase II. My back fence currently abuts the toe of the levee.

I concur with you that a paved trail on the top of the levee is neither optimal for the operations of the district nor the bicyclists that will use the trail. However, given that there does not appear to be a feasible alternative to putting the trail on the top of the levee on the 400 yards just upstream of the Capital City Freeway bridge I support the City's request for this exception.

Jim Waters
110 Sandburg Drive
Sacramento, CA 95819

Tim Kerr

From: Andrew Parks <andrewmparks@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 6:43 PM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: Two Rivers Trail Phase II

Mr Kerr,

I'm a resident of 95818 and I'm writing to urge the board of trustees to grant the City of Sacramento's request for an exception to the district's recreational trails policy for the Two Rivers Trail Phase II.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Andrew Parks

Tim Kerr

From: Stephanie Shelley <ponedal3@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 6:06 PM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: Concern about Two Rivers Trail Project

Tim Kerr, General Manager
Brian Holloway, President
Cyril Shah, Vice President
Steven Johns, Secretary
Rachelanne Vander Werf, Treasurer
Bettina Redway, Trustee

To the American River Flood Control District General Manager and Board of Trustees:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Two Rivers Trail (Phase II) project. I am concerned that the Two Rivers Trail (Phase II) project would...

- * push pedestrians to a narrow shoulder to avoid the faster bike through-traffic that paving would prioritize and invite, making the path both less inviting and less safe for pedestrians;
- * increase conflict and collisions between pedestrians and the high-speed biking that a paved bike throughway would prioritize and invite AS EVIDENCED BY A FATAL ACCIDENT JUST THIS WEEK BETWEEN A PEDESTRIAN AND A MOTORIZED BICYCLE.
- * interfere with the privacy of residents adjacent to the levee as NOISE IS ALREADY EXCESSIVE WITH CURRENT USE OF LEVEE BY BICYCLISTS. THERE ARE NO RULES OR REGULATIONS TO GOVERN APPROPRIATE NOISE LEVELS.
- * increase conflict with levee maintenance and repair;
- * increase litter and crime along the trail and in the surrounding area; RESIDENTS FROM RIVER PARK ARE ALREADY RESPONSIBLE FOR PATROLLING AND CLEANING UP DRUG PARAPHERNALIA AND GARBAGE LEFT BY HOMELESS. WHAT IS YOUR PLAN TO MANAGE THIS WITH INCREASED TRAFFIC??
- * increase the impacts of illegal camping by our City's residents experiencing homelessness; SEE ABOVE
- * remove vegetation which would negatively impact the aesthetics and my enjoyment of the area.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Shelley
5013 Teichert Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

Tim Kerr

From: debra banks <dbanks1935@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 5:44 PM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: Two Rivers Trail

Dear Mr. Kerr,

I am writing to encourage the paving of the short stretch of the Two Rivers trail.

As someone who lives by Sac State, paving this trail would simplify my commute into downtown. I do not believe it will bring more homeless people into the area nor encourage homeless encampments. I also believe that lever maintenance and riders can figure out easy solutions just as they do on other portions of the American River Parkway.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,
Debra Banks

Campus Commons resident

Sent from the Rivetress' Phone

Tim Kerr

From: Jack Haskel <jack.haskel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 4:13 PM
To: Tim Kerr

Hi there, Tim.

I live in midtown (25th and R street - 95816) and really want to express that I think the Two Rivers Trail is super important for Sacramento. It's good for the climate, for health, for connection to our river, for getting away from town and traffic. I'm happy that your staff support making an exception to your district's trails policy for the Two Rivers Trail.

Let's make it happen!

Thanks for your service and for doing the right thing for the future of the town. It's pretty cool that you get to play a part in this critical piece of Sacramento that will have positive impacts for years to come.

Best,

Jack Haskel

Tim Kerr

From: Nathan Fairman <npfairman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 3:51 PM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: support for Two Rivers Trail

Mr. Kerr,

I am a longtime East Sacramento resident (within the ARFC district). I spend a lot of time enjoying recreational activities along the river, in particular between Sutter Landing and Glen Hall Park - taking my kids to the river, running, bicycling, etc.

I'm strongly in favor of the Two Rivers Trail because I think it would improve pedestrian and cyclist access between Midtown and points upstream on the American River Trail.

The trail is a jewel for Sacramento. I was raised in Richmond, VA - also a capitol city on a major river, but lacking public access for healthy recreation along the river. I think developing the Two Rivers Trail makes a tremendous amount of sense and will benefit those of us who live in the District, on the whole.

Thanks!

- Nathan Fairman

Tim Kerr

From: Matt H <hertelmatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 3:45 PM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: ARFCD Resident & Two Rivers Trail Supporter

Hello Mr. Kerr,

I live in the ARFCD (2833 Freeport Blvd) and I hope you and the board of trustees grant the City's request for an exception to the district's recreational trail policy for Two Rivers Trail Phase II.

Thank you,

Matt Hertel

Tim Kerr

From: jamuss@surewest.net
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 2:51 PM
To: Tim Kerr
Subject: re: Two Rivers Trail Phase II

Mr Kerr,

I'm a resident of the ARFCD (4975 F Street, 95819) and I'm writing to urge the board of trustees to grant the City of Sacramento's request for an Exception to the district's recreational trails policy for the Two Rivers Trail Phase II. The Exception for this short levee-top section seems to be consistent with the District's policies and would greatly enhance bicycle access within the City.

Thanks you for your consideration,

Jeff Muss
916-956-6557