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June 1, 2020

Craig Justice  
City of Riverside, Public Works  
Waste Water Division  
3900 Main Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

RE: CITY OF RIVERSIDE - PROPOSED NEW SEWER LINE & SERVICE

Dear Mr. Justice:

The Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments with respect to the City's proposed new sewer line and sewer services to the Woodcrest Community.

Woodcrest Elementary School is the only school within the Riverside Unified School District that is not served by a sanitary sewer service. The existing on-site septic system is less than desirable and the District wishes to explore every option available to connect to a sanitary sewer system.

RUSD welcomes the opportunity to connect to the proposed new sewer lateral. A future sewer line (lateral) along Washington Street will allow Woodcrest Elementary to connect to a future sanitary sewer system.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (951) 788-7135, ext. 80413.

Respectfully,

Sergio San Martin  
Assistant Superintendent, Operations Division

CC: Board of Education  
District Superintendent

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

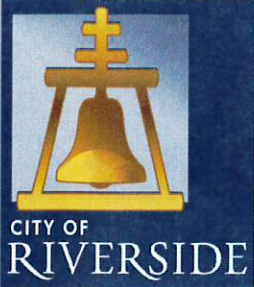
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*Office of the City Council*

June 10, 2020

**Wester Municipal Water District**

14205 Meridian Parkway  
Riverside, CA 92518

**Board of Directors.**

**Director Gracie Torres, District 2**

**Director Brenda Dennstedt, District 3**

**Director Don Galleano, District 4**

**Director S.R. "Al" Lopez, District 5**

**Subject: Van Buren Sewer**

Dear Directors,

In my capacity as the City of Riverside Ward 4 Council Member, and whose Ward this project is adjacent too, I am writing this letter to express my support of this especially important sewer infrastructure improvement. The approximate 2.5 miles of sanitary sewer within Van Buren Boulevard will address a serious ground water problem and will be a catalyst to increase economic and job creating opportunities along this major transportation arterial. For these property owners, this sewer cannot come soon enough!

Due to the terrain of this area, the parcel located on the North-Easterly corner of Washington Street and Krameria Avenue has been identified as the lift station site since it was acquired approximately 10 years ago from the County of Riverside by WMWD. Independent of whom served this area (WMWD or the City of Riverside), this parcel was always contemplated to be the site for the lift station to be constructed. Throughout the years the service area was transferred from the City of Riverside to WMWD and last year, was transferred back to the City of Riverside for the City to be able to construct the overall sewer improvements. This was done strategically and with a lot of analysis on how to construct for the least amount of money to the property owners. It was determined that the overall project cost is approximately \$13M less with taking the sewer effluent into the City's system versus WMWD.

This project has taken many years to come to come this far and I would like to thank each and everyone of you, as Directors, for your leadership and collaboration with both the County and the City of Riverside. We can all rest assured that we have done what is best for our constituents and rate-payers in continuing to move this project forward.

Respectfully Submitted

*Chuck Conder*

Chuck Conder  
Council Member for Ward 4  
City of Riverside

**KZ Companies, LLC**



Via Email: [cramerusc@gmail.com](mailto:cramerusc@gmail.com)

June 16, 2020

Thuy Nguyen  
City of Riverside  
Public Works Dept., Engineering Division

Mr. Nguyen,

I write on behalf of KZ Companies, LLC in support of the WMWD proposal to the sell their property at the NEC of Washington St. & Krameria Ave. to the City of Riverside in order to facilitate the installation and construction of the Van Buren Boulevard Sewer Installation Project. This sewer project is critical for the economic growth of the region and the development of daily needs services. Many property owners and stakeholders are eager to see this project go forward.

As an organization which has worked for years to develop retail properties in the Woodcrest neighborhood, we are pleased to see WMWD, the City of Riverside and the County of Riverside provide the necessary sewer utilities for safe and environmentally friendly development. KZ Companies is actively working to develop a 1.5 acre property in the area and our project is dependent on the delivery of the pump station and sewer line. We are not the only project anticipating this sewer facility and we highly encourage WMWD, the City of Riverside, and the County of Riverside to fast track this project.

We look forward to your approval of the purchase and sales agreement at tomorrow's Board meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'William M. Shuman'.

William M. Shuman  
Vice President  
KZ Companies, LLC





## GREATER RIVERSIDE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

*The Chamber...building a stronger local economy*

May 27, 2020

Mr. Donald D. Galleano, President  
Western Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
14205 Meridian Parkway  
Riverside, California 92518

### **RE: Van Buren Boulevard Sewer Project – Wood Road to King Avenue - SUPPORT**

Dear Mr. Galleano,

On behalf of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, representing over 1,370 local employers and 110,000 jobs in the Inland Southern California region, we respectfully request your SUPPORT of the Van Buren Boulevard Sewer Project between Wood Road (City) and King Avenue (County).

The Chamber's EastHills Business Council met with staff on the project proposal and voiced unanimous support. On March 21, 2017 the City of Riverside City Council approved a conceptual plan to provide new sewer facilities on Van Buren Boulevard. As a result, on February 5, 2019, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City, County of Riverside, and Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) for the construction of the project to promote economic growth, reduce environmental impacts associated with septic systems, and better serve City and County residents including the business community. This MOU was executed by the Riverside Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2019.

The Chamber remains committed to attracting and helping companies grow their business by adopting programs and working with local City, County, and State leaders to create a strong local economy. The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the severe economic impacts a widespread illness can have on a community's mental, physical and emotional well-being. The Van Buren Boulevard sewer project would not only be a catalyst to create a favorable business environment, it also plays a critical role in sanitation and disease prevention. Wastewater from septic tanks can contaminate the local environment and drinking water supply, thereby increasing the risk of disease transmission. In order to promote new and/or expanded development, a robust sewer system is vital for a healthy and thriving community.

The Chamber convenes leaders and influencers on quality of life issues and seeks to continue engaging with the City, County, WMWD, and key stakeholders to support providing a sewer system that will serve the Woodcrest Community for years to come. For these reasons the Chamber requests your SUPPORT of the Van Buren Boulevard Sewer Project. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our support for the project feel free to contact me at [croth@riverside-chamber.com](mailto:croth@riverside-chamber.com) or at 951-683-7100, ext. 219.

Respectfully,

Cindy Roth  
President/CEO  
CR/bb

JASON E. UHLEY  
General Manager-Chief Engineer



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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

November 25, 2020

Ms. Kris Martinez, Director  
City of Riverside Public Works Department  
City Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
3900 Main Street  
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Ms. Martinez:

Re: Van Buren Sewer

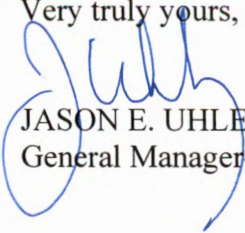
The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) is submitting this letter in support of the proposed Van Buren Boulevard sewer infrastructure project (Project). This Project proposes, among other improvements, a sewer pipeline, sewage lift station and force main in Van Buren Boulevard between Wood Road and King Street in the Woodcrest area.

The area benefitting from this Project is currently served by a combination of private septic and sewer infrastructure. Private systems are subject to failure without regular and proper maintenance. Failed systems can introduce pollutants of concern, including nitrates, phosphorus and pathogens, to various water sources and increase the possibility of contamination of storm water runoff. Contaminated stormwater runoff can, in turn, impact our lakes, rivers and streams.

The District is a principal and co-permittee for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit issued jointly to the District, Cities and County of Riverside by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. As principal permittee, the District has assisted our co-permittees with evaluating the impacts of septic systems on local waterways in other regions of Riverside County. It is the District's experience that public sewer systems are more robust, maintained to higher standards and reduce the risk of septic failures. Ultimately, conversion to public sewers lead to improved health for our lakes, rivers and streams.

The District appreciates our collaborative relationship with both the City of Riverside and Western Municipal Water District and submits this letter in support of our ongoing joint efforts to conserve and protect local waterways and water supplies. Please feel free to call me at 951.955.1250 if you would like to discuss further.

Very truly yours,

  
JASON E. UHLEY  
General Manager-Chief Engineer

cc: Riverside City Clerk, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Councilmember Chuck Conder, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

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# County of Riverside

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## SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES FIRST DISTRICT

October 5, 2020

Councilmember Jim Perry  
City of Riverside  
3900 Main Street  
Riverside, CA 92522

Re: Agenda Item 31 (Support) 10/6/20

Dear Councilmember Perry,

Please find this letter to convey my strong support of the proposed purchase of the Western MWD parcel located at Washington Street and Krameria Avenue for the purpose of utilizing this parcel for the critically needed Van Buren sewer collection system. As you may know, existing businesses and the adjacent elementary school rely on aging individual septic systems which run a risk of experiencing capacity and/or future system failures. The proposed municipal sewer system will not only provide them with a reliable future lifeline – but will also help to preserve and protect our ground water. These benefits are on top of the additional customer revenue that will be generated to the public utility.

You may hear complaints as to an alleged lack of public out-reach (likely by opponents who are not going to be utilizers of the collection system). Please find attached a full-page summary of all the numerous and comprehensive community meetings, presentations and out-reach that has occurred during 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

KEVIN D. JEFFRIES  
Supervisor, First District





County of Riverside  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

P.O. BOX 7909 • RIVERSIDE, CA 92513-7909

KEITH JONES, DIRECTOR

November 30, 2020

Kris Martinez, Director  
Riverside Public Works Department  
City Hall  
3900 Main St, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Riverside CA 92522

Dear Ms. Martinez,

This letter is to support the connection of the shopping center (Stater Bros anchor) on the corner of Van Buren Blvd and Washington St. to the city's sewer system. This complex was developed in the 1980's and was allowed to install onsite wastewater treatment (septic) systems due to lack of infrastructure at that time. The area is challenging for long term use of these systems due to perched water and clay soils. Over the years, our department has responded and observed temporary failures of some systems on the property. This is not necessarily due to neglect, rather just challenges associated with running food facilities and balancing the need for cleaning and sanitizing with wastewater dispersal/ infiltration.

For these reasons, our department strongly supports the city with their effort to provide this center with sewer services.

Sincerely,

Keith Jones, Director  
Department of Environmental Health

cc: Conder, Chuck – Councilman, City of Riverside  
Nicol, Colleen J. – City Clerk, City of Riverside  
District One – Board of Supervisors, County of Riverside  
Johnson, Jeff – Asst. Director, Environmental Health, County of Riverside



## Van Buren Sewer Timeline

### Supervisor Kevin Jeffries Office

1/12/2017	Riverside Public Utilities provided and update to the Woodcrest MAC on the Van Buren Sewer Project
3/14/2019	Riverside County EDA staff presented to the Woodcrest MAC
9/12/2019	City of Riverside Public Works and Planning staff presented to the Woodcrest MAC
3/14/2019	Supervisor Jeffries addressed the Woodcrest MAC and offered to assemble a Citizens Committee of residents who live next to the parcel to evaluate the proposed lift station (no adjacent residents volunteered to serve on the committee).
5/9/2019	Supervisor Jeffries addressed the Woodcrest MAC and offered to assemble a Citizens Committee of residents who live next to the parcel to evaluate the proposed lift station (no adjacent residents volunteered to serve on the committee).

### County (Executive Office & Transportation)

12/1/2016	Stakeholder meeting at the County Transportation Annex in Riverside
12/7/2016	Business owner meeting Woodcrest Christian School
12/14/2016	Public Meeting for community feedback Woodcrest Elementary
1/12/2017	Ward 4 Meeting (City of Riverside, Councilmember Davis) presented at Taft Elementary School
1/13/2017	EastHills Business Council Board Meeting at WMWD offices
2/2/2017	INSIDE EastHills Meeting Galaxy Theaters on Alessandro Blvd
2/16/2017	Ward 4 Meeting (City of Riverside, Councilmember Davis) Orange Terrace Community Center
8/23/2017	(Circulation Period) Environmental Document Public Meeting Woodcrest Elementary School
11/02/2017	INSIDE EastHills Meeting (Chamber of Commerce) presented at Pepsi Co. on Sycamore St
2/26/2019	Riverside County BOS meeting (EDA agenda item) Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Riverside, City of Riverside, and WMWD for Van Buren Blvd sewer improvements (continued).
3/19/2019	Riverside County BOS meeting (EDA agenda item) Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Riverside, City of Riverside, and WMWD for Van Buren Blvd sewer improvements (approved).

### Western Municipal Water District

12/18/2018	Riverside City Council Meeting Project and Agreement Approval
1/15/2019	Riverside County BOS Project Approval and Agreement Approval
2/12/2019	WMWD Project and Agreement Approval
2/12/2019	WMWD Property Purchase Agreement
4/1/2019	CEQA comment period (330 days)

### City of Riverside

2/5/2019	City Council approved the MOU
9/12/2019	City staff presented to the Woodcrest MAC