April 11, 2017

The Honorable Chris R. Holden  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5136  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
FAX: (916) 319-2141

RE: AB 1180 (Holden) Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund, NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Holden:

On behalf of the City of Palos Verdes Estates, I am writing to express the City’s support of AB 1180 to create the Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund to offer competitive grants for statewide and regional programs that address the effects of metals and contaminants in stormwater runoff. Grants and other new revenue sources, such as those proposed by AB 1180, are necessary to meet municipal obligations for stormwater runoff requirements.

Under the 2012 MS4 permit adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, cities in Los Angeles County must meet the strongest water quality guidelines in the country. Estimates of the total countywide capital costs to comply with the permit exceed $20 billion to upgrade infrastructure and implement stormwater capture technology. The specific costs to Palos Verdes Estates are projected to be millions of dollars over the next several years while we concurrently are working to overcome a revenue shortfall of $5 million (equating to a 37% reduction in budget) for balancing the 2017-18 fiscal year budget.

AB 1180 offers a much-needed funding tool to offset the costs of zinc pollutants and invests resources into local and regional projects that benefit the state’s water quality and supply.

For these reasons, the City of Palos Verdes Estates supports your AB 1180.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. King, Mayor

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Honorable Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi - Assembly District 66  
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