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SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT

September 9, 2020

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street, Suite 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

Two years ago, under your leadership, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California elected Gloria Gray as Chairwoman of the Board. I think she was a great choice not only because she is the first African American woman to hold the position, but she is also only the second woman to serve as Chair in the district's 90-year history.

Since taking the helm, Gloria Gray has served our region and our communities well. Not only has she stood for water conservation, recycling, and environmental protection, she has been a voice for disadvantaged communities that are too often denied their right to safe, clean, reliable, and affordable drinking water. As a woman, she has been a strong and gracious presence at the helm, bringing a fresh perspective to the long-male dominated world of water management.

I believe Gloria Gray deserves to be reelected as Chairwoman of the Metropolitan Water District, and I told her I would send that recommendation to you. I'm pretty sure we can count on you and the City of Los Angeles to continue supporting her efforts and ensure diversity, inclusion, and progress remain central to the nation's largest water district.

Sincerely,


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PUBLIC SAFETY

September 4, 2020

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support for Gloria Gray

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

This is an extraordinary time for our nation. That is why it was such a historic moment two years ago when, under your leadership, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California elected Gloria Gray as Chairwoman, the first African-American Chairwoman in the nearly 90-year history of Metropolitan.

Chairwoman Gray has been a strong and gracious presence at the helm of Metropolitan and gives a fresh look to the world of water politics.

Chairwoman Gray is up for reelection. I know we can count on you again to stand for racial and gender progress and inclusion, and to support the reelection of Gloria Gray for a second term as Chairwoman of Metropolitan.

Gloria Gray has not only stood strongly for water conservation and recycling and protection of the environment but most importantly, she has represented the disadvantaged communities of Los Angeles County. The water world has long ignored women and people of color.

I know we can count on you and the City of Los Angeles to continue their support for progress, diversity and inclusion and support Chairwoman Gray in her reelection as Chairwoman of Metropolitan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr." in a cursive script.

Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
Assemblymember, 59th District



KEVIN L. FAULCONER

MAYOR

September 11, 2020

San Diego County Water Authority
Attn: Board Officers
4677 Overland Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear San Diego County Water Authority Board Officers,

Two years ago, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) took a historic vote electing the first African American Chairwoman in the nearly 90-year history of MWD. Chairwoman Gray has been a strong and diplomatic presence at the helm of MWD since her election. I am proud to support the reelection of Gloria Gray for a second term as Chairwoman.

Chairwoman Gray has been a great champion of water conservation and recycling, as well as serving the Southern California region well by providing a new and more diverse perspective in the world of water politics.

The San Diego County Water Authority's 76-year partnership with Metropolitan has enabled the San Diego region and Southern California to grow and prosper into what it is today. While the recent history between the two agencies has been one of contentiousness, I am confident that under Chairwoman Gray's continued leadership, we can keep making progress toward a new era of cooperation.

I know we can count on you, as representatives of San Diego, to continue in our support for progress and diversity through the reelection of Chairwoman Gray.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Faulconer
Mayor

Cc: San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors



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September 11th, 2020

Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors
P.O. Box 54153
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Dear Board Members:

Two years ago, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) made history when Gloria Gray was elected as the Chairwoman. She is the first African American woman to serve at the helm of MWD – a move that was a powerful statement of progress and diversity at the nation’s largest distributor of treated drinking water.

Under Chairwoman Gray’s leadership, MWD has reached a number of remarkable milestones, including:

- Completion of the Regional Recycled Water Project demonstration plant in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts which would lead to largest water recycling facility in the nation;
- Completion and adoption of the landmark Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan to share shortages on the Colorado River;
- Launching a Stormwater Recharge pilot program to study enhanced stormwater capture in Southern California;
- Maximization of water storage to reach nearly 4 million acre-feet of total storage, the highest level in MWD’s history, protecting Southern Californians against drought and climate change;
- Launching new initiatives at MWD to stress diversity, equity and inclusion; and,
- Hired a new Ethics Officer to continue to stress the ongoing commitment to an ethical culture at MWD.

Chairwoman Gray’s steady hand has guided MWD through an unprecedented pandemic and kept clean water flowing for 19 million Californians. She has forged strong partnerships with community leaders across our region and beyond. As MWD continues on the path to more sustainable and environmentally friendly water resources for Southern California, the collaborative leadership of the MWD Board and Chairwoman Gray will be essential.

I look forward to continuing to work with Chairwoman Gray and the entire MWD Board of Directors as we work to strengthen our conservation efforts and ensure clean and affordable drinking water for every Californian. If my office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at (818) 558-3043.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Friedman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" and last name "Friedman" clearly distinguishable.

LAURA FRIEDMAN
Assemblymember, 43rd District