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The Honorable Eric Garcetti  
Mayor of the City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
c/o Ana Guerrero, Chief of Staff

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

**Subject: Support Adán Ortega for Chairman of the Metropolitan Water District**

I am writing to recommend that the City of Los Angeles' support Adán Ortega, of the City of Fullerton, as Chair of the Board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("MWD"). Adán has served us as an advisor and facilitator in the complex world of water policy in California. On issues ranging from local governance of water agencies, to state water bonds, drinking water quality, and environmental justice, Adán has availed us of his knowledge and concern for our communities.

Adán, if elected Chair of MWD's Board, would be the first Latino in the agency's 90-year history. He would also be the first in that capacity to be fully fluent in Spanish, an important attribute for communicating with a great portion of Southern California's population. While Adán would be the first Latino, he is first and foremost a water expert.

In the 1990's, Adán led a study to determine the infrastructure needs in some of Los Angeles County's poorest communities. This resulted in the first allocation of state funds in the water arena designated for disadvantaged communities in Proposition 50. Adán also orchestrated the strategy for Federal Title XVI funding for water recycling projects in greater Los Angeles, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars for investments in all of Los Angeles County.

Many community members met Adán when he served as Assistant General Manager of West and Central Basin Municipal Water Districts in Los Angeles County. I followed his career to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California where he is credited with helping establish the focus on outdoor water conservation through Bewaterwise.com and California Friendly plants. Now he helps small water systems serving disadvantaged communities throughout California, in addition to his service as a director of MWD.

Your vision in establishing clear targets for water sustainability in Plan LA are in keeping with Adán's vision. Adán has the knowledge and ability to broaden your vision throughout Southern California through his work at MWD. I ask that you endorse his selection as MWD's next Board Chair.

Sincerely yours,

  
Motesuma Esparza

Cc: Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors: rcastro@mw dh2o.com