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The Honorable Gloria Gray, Chairwoman Metropolitan Water District of Southern California PO Box 54153 Los Angeles, California 90054-0153

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Dear Chairwoman Gray,

Thank you for your strong leadership during your first term as Chairwoman of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Please accept this letter as confirmation of our endorsement of your re-election to that important post.

As the first African American Chairwoman in the nearly 90-year history of MWD, you have been a strong, fair leader at MWD, able to build consensus among the varied and diverse membership. We believe you have led decisively on critical issues to our city, as well as our region, such as recycled water and conservation.

As a founding MWD member, Fullerton has benefited by your steady leadership. In our city, as well as in the water world, women have been woefully underrepresented in leadership positions. We represent two of the only eight women ever to be elected to the Fullerton City Council in our city's history. We strongly believe in supporting qualified and proven women leaders; diversity strengthens organizations and your record of success has strengthened MWD. We support you for a second term as Board Chair.

Sincerely,

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