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Expo Line Phase Two  
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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of G3, The Green Gardens Group, I support LA Native and urge you to reconsider the standards for landscaping phase two of the Expo Line to require both a plant palette of local California native plants and design/installation specifications in keeping with Ocean Friendly and Watershed Friendly landscaping. Just as all of Los Angeles' landscape is connected to the ocean, the Expo Line connects all of Los Angelenos to the beach. The concept of Ocean Friendly and Watershed Friendly landscaping is the "new norm" in California landscapes. By adopting these principals and the native plant palette, the MTA and Expo Authority would be demonstrating their ability to remain in step with both the aesthetic and function demanded by the Los Angeles community.

It is entirely reasonable for the people of Los Angeles to ask that their transportation corridors provide year-round beauty, polluted runoff reduction, native habitat enhancement, carbon sequestration, soil and water conservation, cleaner, cooler air, and contact with nature. These are the multiple benefits derived from a design approach that employs local native plants and the Ocean Friendly and Watershed Friendly landscape principles. Embrace the desires of the people.

G3 integrates the policies, programs, and people required to generate sustainable green careers, and energize communities to protect and restore their urban watersheds. Our mission is to educate landscape professionals, homeowners, and the local community to transform water and resource-guzzling gardens into climate and place-appropriate landscapes. We advance and promote the latest eco-restorative landscape techniques and principles of low-impact design and establish resources and a shared knowledge base.

Sincerely,

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