



Office of the Mayor and the City Council

June 3, 2014

The Honorable Judy Chu  
United States House of Representatives  
527 S. Lake Ave, Suite 106  
Pasadena, CA 91101

**RE: NATIONAL RECREATION AREA – Follow-Up Correspondence**

Dear Congress Member Chu:

In correspondence dated May 8, 2014, the City of Monrovia requested the removal of Monrovia from the proposed National Recreation Area boundaries. This was based upon the May 6, 2014 City Council meeting, where the Monrovia City Council voted unanimously to exclude the City of Monrovia from the boundaries of the proposed San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area.

On June 3, 2014, the Council again deliberated the issue and the Council voted to send an additional letter clarifying Monrovia's position. The City of Monrovia has spent a great deal of time, money and energy in developing a plan for our Wilderness area with the driving force being local control. The taxpayers of Monrovia voted to tax themselves to purchase most of the property in our Hillside Wilderness Preserve in order to preserve Monrovia's hillsides and local control of those areas. As applied to the City of Monrovia, the City Council feels that the proposed National Recreation Area has the potential to relinquish that level of local control. So, while we are supportive of your efforts to create a National Recreation Area in those areas that want to be included, Monrovia does not wish to be included in this plan. We would request your acknowledgement of this letter and would be grateful for your honoring our request by confirming that Monrovia has been excluded from the geographic boundaries of the proposed legislation.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor

Becky Shevlin, Mayor Pro-Tem

Tom Adams, Council Member

Alexander Blackburn, Council Member

Larry Spicer, Council Member

CC: Monrovia City Council  
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments