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**ADVISORY: COUNCILMEMBER O'FARRELL IDENTIFIES FUNDING FOR RIVER REC ZONES, LAUNCHES FIRST KAYAK
TO MARK START OF SEASON**

Summer program opens the waterway in Elysian Valley and the Sepulveda Basin to the public

ELYSIAN VALLEY -- Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell will announce that he has identified funding for the start of the Los Angeles River Recreation Zone, and will host a kick-off event to launch the first group of kayakers onto the historic waterway during a special Memorial Day event.

The press conference and photo opportunity will take place on **Monday, May 30, 9 a.m., at Marsh Park, 2999 Rosanna St, in Elysian Valley.**

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is permitting two recreation zones: one in the Glendale Narrows section of Elysian Valley (May 30 through September 25), and the other in the Sepulveda Basin (May 30 through September 30).

The Councilmember collaborated with the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation to support this year's recreation zone, and will contribute \$50,000 to fund the program this season while creating a permanent line item in the City's budget for future seasons.

The river recreation zone allows independent, unscheduled, free boating and fishing access in the Los Angeles River for the general public, while private operators have received permits to operate guided excursions. The Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority will manage the program in both the Glendale Narrows and the Sepulveda Basin.

Both programs will operate through Labor Day, and seasonally thereafter. For more information about the recreation zones, visit www.lariverrecreation.org.

WHEN:

Monday, May 30

WHERE:

Marsh Park
2999 Rosanna St.

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