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## **Testimony to the Planning and Sustainability Commission on the Floodplain Resilience Plan, Proposed Draft**

Healthy and intact floodplains are essential for the health and safety of our community, to protect water quality, provide fish and wildlife habitat, and provide resilience in the face of climate change. We have known for decades that floodplain development puts our communities and environment in harm's way. We have seen city after city in the United States suffer catastrophic floods and we have seen flooding in our own communities. 1. The PSC and City should adopt the entire Floodplain Resilience Plan which will protect our communities against the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events, protect water quality, and provide fish and wildlife habitat. 2. Title 24 protections must be restored. Removal of Title 24 Amendments which require that when developers fill floodplains, they also create an equal amount of new floodplain nearby is not acceptable. It guts one of the most important parts of the plan. Title 24 protections must be restored. 3. As soon as this plan is adopted, the City must expedite developing floodplain protections on all industrial lands. These lands include some of our most important floodplains. It's time to stop talking about climate resilience and actually take steps to do something about it. I urge the PSC and the City to live up to their commitments to climate leadership.

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