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## **GARCETTI APPOINTS GIDEON KRACOV TO PROPOSITION O CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYER JOINS ADVISORY BOARD FOR CITY'S \$500 MILLION CLEAN WATER BOND**

Council President Eric Garcetti announced the appointment of Gideon Kracov, environmental and land-use lawyer, to the Proposition O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee, the board that oversees the allocation of the \$500 million approved by voters in 2004 to clean Los Angeles's rivers, waterways and beaches. Kracov is also a former City Attorney who worked on water quality and brownfield redevelopment litigation while employed by the city.

"Gideon's experience with environmental, legal, and community matters gives him a unique understanding of how we can best leverage Proposition O to clean our water," said Garcetti. "His environmental record speaks for itself."

As a member of the City Attorney's office, Kracov was involved in the negotiation of Los Angeles' historic agreement with the Regional Water Quality Control Board, resulting in a commitment by the city of \$168 million towards the clean up of trash in the Los Angeles River. He also worked on the city's brownfield redevelopment program and participated in Los Angeles' Environmental Justice Initiative. Kracov currently serves on the California Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Commission, charged with analyzing and updating the state's smog check program. Previously, Kracov sat on the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Environmental Law Section.

Los Angeles became the first city in the country to comply with federal water quality mandates when it allocated Prop O funds to install 6400 catch basins, devices that capture trash before it flows into the city's storm water system. Other high profile projects funded by Prop O include plans to clean up two urban lakes, Echo Park and Machado, that serve as storm water retention basins for water that flows in the Los Angeles River and the Dominguez Channel, respectively.

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