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The Honorable Katie Porter  
United States House of Representatives  
1233 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Addressing Encampment Issues in Randall Preserve Marshlands and the Santa Ana-Delhi Channel**

Dear Representative Porter:

I write to request your assistance to address anti-encampment ordinance enforcement and clearance, and the County's ability to activate case management services in the Randall Preserve Marshlands and areas of the Santa Ana-Delhi Channel. In order to promote public safety, and provide services and shelter to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, greater coordination is needed between the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD), the Orange County Office of Care Coordination, and our local public safety agencies and non-profit partners.

The Randall Preserve Marshlands and sections of the Santa Ana Delhi Channel, owned by the USACE, has experienced a rapid growth of encampments that pose a danger to wildlife and public safety (see attached photos). As the owners of this property, the USACE must provide permission to first responders in Orange County to enter the property and manage the situation. While a cleanup contract for the Randall Preserve Marshland is scheduled to be complete in mid-to-late summer, the timeline must be expedited, and agreements must be executed to provide a more timely, full, robust response to this crisis.

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As the representative for this area, I need your partnership on fostering greater coordination between the USACE, local first responders and outreach partners. This wildlife preserve, nearby residential neighborhoods, and the individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness deserve a coordinated response that includes case management services, cleanup, and enforcement of anti-camping ordinances. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the situation, please contact Alyssa Napuri, my Deputy Chief of Staff, at (714) 558-3550 or [Alyssa.Napuri@ocgov.com](mailto:Alyssa.Napuri@ocgov.com). Thank you for your attention to this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes

Col. Andrew J. Baker, Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Los Angeles District

City of Costa Mesa

City of Newport Beach

Randall Preserve