



August 6, 2002

Hon. Board of Supervisors
Sacramento County
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Reference: American River Parkway Public Safety

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, serving the business interests of the North Sacramento and the Uptown District, urges the Board to not cut current levels of maintenance and public safety in the American River Parkway as it runs through North Sacramento (160 Bridge to Cal Expo).

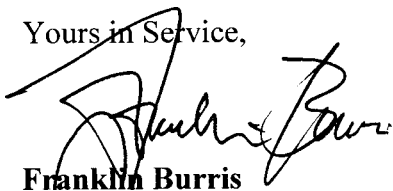
As you know illegal camping, dumping and several fires have devastated the Parkway here, leaving much of it virtually unusable and stretches of trail labeled "unsafe" by area recreation clubs. As the Board has committed that public safety will be a priority in the Budget, the Chamber requests that you maintain the staffing and support for restoration of this open space as a safe & clean amenity to the region.

Open space and parks around us are an important element to attracting business to this already challenging environment and we look forward to continuing to work together to improve the stewardship of the adjacent parkway.

You are encouraged to visit our website: <http://www.northsacramento-chamber.org/voice-1.html>
There you can read our position paper, the principals we proposed to County staff, and you can link to a member's site that details the unsafe conditions and loss of habitat in the parkway.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue to our community.

Yours in Service,



Franklin Burris