

**APPENDIX G**  
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Colonel Paul E. Owen  
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Dear Colonel Owen,

On behalf of the residents of Newark and all advocates for Newark's riverfront, thank you for the commitment of the Army Corps of Engineers to strengthening our City's shoreline and reconnecting us to the Passaic River.

During Superstorm Sandy, the Passaic River breached its banks and Newark's residents endured flooding, exposure to pollutants, loss of power, jobs, transportation, and school days. Subsequently, Newark received with great enthusiasm the news that the Army Corps of Engineers' May 2013 Interim Report to Congress regarding Superstorm Sandy committed \$26 million for the Newark Riverfront Minish Project.

Supporters of Newark's riverfront were additionally enthusiastic in hopes that this funding can build on ongoing riverfront developments in our city, where since 2012, City and County governments and partners have completed over 15 acres of riverfront parks, including walking and biking trails, bright orange boardwalk made of recycled plastic, sports fields and courts, a floating boat dock, playground and other settings for relaxation, picnics, exercise, and environmental education.

We commend the Corps and our elected leaders for their hard work to secure this funding.

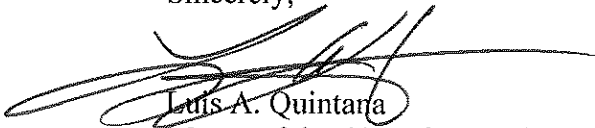
In 2011, the Corps fashioned an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection that called for the incorporation of Phase II and III elements into Phase I of the project. However, in the face of dwindling funds, this agreement was never executed. Now that funds are once again available, it is time to revisit and complete this agreement to maximize resilience and access benefits. The concepts outlined in the 2011 amended PCA still represent the vision of the community and, with the federal government poised to invest real money in our urban waterfront, the Corps has a chance to be a leader on critical issues facing our City.

The City of Newark asks that the Corps take full advantage of this opportunity to think creatively about how to maximize this investment for the full benefit of a historically underserved urban waterfront city. Community members and local officials have long urged the Corps to think beyond bulkheading alone – to consider innovative techniques that would simultaneously fortify the riverfront from the effects of flooding and include other community benefits such as greenspace and riverfront access. Please find attached a more detailed description of the City's requests on phasing and design.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss any issues related to this project. Thank you for attention and please keep me updated as you move forward with this important project.

As always, we appreciate your leadership.

Sincerely,



Luis A. Quintana  
Mayor of the City of Newark

cc: The Honorable Bob Menendez, U.S. Senator from New Jersey  
The Honorable Cory A. Booker, U.S. Senator from New Jersey  
The Honorable Albio Sires, U.S. Representative for New Jersey's 13th District  
The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
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