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The Council of the City of Los Angeles
c/o Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Third Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

**RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY – MS.
ELVA YANEZ**

Honorable Members:

On March 2, 2007 the Mayor transmitted to the City Clerk the appointment of Ms. Elva Yanez to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The City Ethics Commission received Ms. Yanez's pre-confirmation Statement of Economic Interests on April 9, 2007, and following our review of that Statement, is providing this letter to the Council for your consideration as part of the confirmation process. A copy of this letter is also being provided to Ms. Yanez at this time to assist her in avoiding any potential conflicts of interest that may arise in the course of her term as a member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Ms. Yanez reports on her Statement a salary income interest in the Audubon Center at Debs Park, a non-profit nature education center, where she serves as the director. Therefore, should any matter involving this interest come before the Commission, Ms. Yanez should seek the advice of the attorney who advises the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy before acting regarding whether she will be required to disqualify herself.

This staff report will be scheduled for formal review by the City Ethics Commission at its next meeting pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 49.5.7. If the Commission's formal review results in a different conclusion at that time, our office will notify the City Council.

Sincerely,

LeeAnn M. Pelham
Executive Director

cc: Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa
Ms. Elva Yanez