

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The architectural and design community in Los Angeles strongly supports the City's commitment to wildlife conservation and environmental sustainability. However, we have significant concerns regarding the potential impacts of the proposed Wildlife Ordinance (Council File 14-0518) on our industry. We urge you to pull the item from the November 19th PLUM agenda and to allow for additional time to integrate specific and proactive feedback from the design community.

**Balancing Priorities & Avoiding Delays:** While we understand the importance of the proposed Wildlife Ordinance, including it for discussion at PLUM on November 19th does a disservice to all. As you know, the November 19th PLUM hearing will also include CHIP, Adaptive Reuse 2.0, and the DTLA 2040 plan update on its agenda. We believe the Wildlife Ordinance requires additional time for collaboration. Its current form raises concerns about:

- Litigious Vulnerability:** The ordinance's potential lack of clarity could lead to lawsuits and delays in development projects.
- Implementation Challenges:** The current wording may create practical difficulties in complying with the ordinance.
- Economic Impact:** Uncertainty surrounding the ordinance could negatively impact small businesses and affordable housing projects.

**Proposed Action:** To ensure a balanced and effective solution, we urge you to:

- Postpone Consideration:** Withdraw the ordinance from the November 19th PLUM agenda.
- Open Collaboration:** Work closely with the design community to refine the ordinance.

**Key areas of focus should include:**

- Clarity & Consistency:** Clear and concise language that aligns with existing regulations.
- Balancing Wildlife & Development:** Striking a sustainable balance between protecting wildlife and fostering development.
- Practical Implementation:** Developing clear guidelines and standards for compliance.

**Economic Impact:** Analyzing the potential costs on small businesses and affordable housing options. We are confident that through collaboration, we can create a Wildlife Ordinance that benefits both wildlife and the built environment. We are eager to contribute our expertise and work with you to develop a robust and practical solution. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to a productive dialogue. (Council File 14-0518)

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