Communication from Public

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Council File No: 14-0518

Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letters of SUPPORT for the wildlife ordinance

from over 56 Homeowner and Resident Associations.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass LA City Council City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto City Controller Kenneth Mejia

Via email

re: <u>SUPPORT - Council File #14-0518</u> - Wildlife Corridor / Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance Zone) / Zone Change (ZC)

Dear Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, and City Controller:

I write in full support of Council File #140518 and could not be more pleased to see this item moving forward after more than a decade of time and effort spent supporting it by innumerable individuals and organizations, including myriad HOAs and neighborhood councils, particularly those in the impacted wildlife areas. I am attaching for your convenience the letters of support from more than 56 Homeowners and Resident Associations, 15 neighborhood councils, and countless environmental and environmental justice organizations, representing hundreds of thousands of Angelenos in and around the hillside wildlife areas and throughout the City. Many neighborhoods are clamoring to bring wildlife connectivity protections to their area next to protect their own quality of life and access to nature.

As biodiversity collapse occurs around the world, it is essential for Los Angeles to lead the way in protecting its region of the California Floristic Province, one of 36 biodiversity hotspots in the entire world, and helping implement both President Biden and Governor Newsom's 30% by 2030 conservation initiatives. Wildlife and flora must be able to migrate in order to survive the human-caused destabilization of our climate and the myriad disasters that brings, including massive storms, wildfires and drought.

One of the foundational tenets of this effort is to ensure and protect public access to nature. As we experienced during the COVID lockdown, access to nature is essential to the ongoing mental and emotional health of all Angelenos. Neighborhoods and organizations in NorthEast LA and the NorthEast Valley have written or spoken asking that their area be prioritized as the next wildlife protection zone.

Protecting wildlife habitat connectivity also allows for protecting horseback riding trails. The neighborhoods with horses, where horseback riding is a way of life, strongly support this ordinance.

It is important to note that this ordinance better protects hillside residents from wildfires by allowing the fire department and other first responders to gain access more freely to remote areas.

As you no doubt hear threats and vitriol from the tiny but noisy real estate industry representatives, many of whom do not actually live in Los Angeles, and many of whom apparently do not actually understand the financial realities of their own industry, I thought it might be educational and informative to remind you of the overwhelming amount of support this effort has received over many years (attached and listed below). And these are only the organizations who have submitted support letters. There have been hundreds of individuals who have given up work or family time to attend outreach meetings and hearings

in order to give public comments. We have heard that the sky is falling as the City Council moved ahead forward-thinking policies and the sky has never fallen. It is, for instance, virtually impossible to negatively affect housing prices in Bel Air.

Preventing the breakdown of our climate and resulting mass extinctions is a relatively simple matter of altering the bad habits of human beings. This effort aims to change the destructive habit of building lot line to lot line and sharing a small percentage for the benefit of the creatures we share our region with. As goes their health goes our own.

The people who actually reside in and around the affected areas have spoken loudly and respectfully for over a decade. Much of that support is listed below.

If you are not in office to make positive changes like these, which can have enormous global influence, why are you there?

Respectfully yours,

Andy Shrader, father of two

HOMEOWNERS and RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS

<u>The Hillside Federation</u> - The Federation of 48 Hillside and Canyon Associations, repping over 200,000 hillside residents, including:

- Argyle Civic Assn.
- Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Assn.
- Bel-Air Association
- Bel Air Hills Association
- Bel Air Knolls POA
- Bel Air Skycrest POA
- Benedict Canyon Assn.
- Brentwood Hills Homeowners Assn.
- Brentwood Residents Coalition

- Cahuenga Pass POA
- Canyon Back Alliance
- Crests Neighborhood Assn.
- Dixie Canyon
- Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Assn.
- Encino Property Owners
- Franklin/Hollywood West Residents
- Franklin Hills Residents Assn.
- Highlands Owners Assn.
- Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.
- Hollywoodland Homeowners Assn.
- Hollywood Heights Assn.
- Holmby Hills HOA
- Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.
- Lake Hollywood HOA
- Laurel Canyon Assn.
- LFIA (Los Feliz)
- Mountaingate Open Space Maintenance Association
- Mt. Olympus POA
- Mt. Washington Homeowners' Alliance
- Nichols Canyon Assn.
- Oak Forest Canyon HOA
- Oaks Homeowners Assn.
- Outpost Estates HOA
- Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.
- Residents of Beverly Glen
- Save Coldwater Canyon!

- Save LA River Open Space
- Save Our Canyon
- Shadow Hills POA
- Sherman Oaks HOA
- Studio City Residents Assn.
- Sunset Hills HOA
- Sunset Hills Residents Assn.
- Upper Mandeville Canyon Assn.
- Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Assn.
- Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

HOMEOWNERS and RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS

- Laurel Canyon Association
- Mount Washington Homeowners Alliance
- Preserve El Sereno
- Studio City Residents Association
- Hollywoodland Homeowners Association
- Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association
- Brentwood Alliance of Canyons & Hillsides
- Mulholland Scenic Parkway, Bel Air Skycrest Property
 Owners
- <u>Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation of the Santa Monica</u>
 <u>Mountains, Inc.</u>

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

- Northridge South Neighborhood Council (CD12)
- North Hills West Neighborhood Council (CD12)
- Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (CD4 and CD5)
- Westside Neighborhood Council (CD5)
- Palms Neighborhood Council (CD5)
- Encino Neighborhood Council (CD3, CD4 and CD6)
- Studio City Neighborhood Council (CD2)
- Foothills Trail District Neighborhood Council (CD2, CD6 & CD7)
- Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (CD7)
- Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council (CD4 and CD13)
- PICO Neighborhood Council (CD 5 & CD 10)
- Mar Vista Community Council (CD11)
- Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CD15)
- Silverlake Neighborhood Council (CD13)

GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

- U.S. of the Interior Department National Park Service
- The City of Beverly Hills
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority
- Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment

ENVIRONMENTAL/ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS

- CLAW (Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife)
- Center for Biological Diversity
- South LA Tree Coalition
- Northeast LA SOUL (NELA SOUL)
- United Neighborhoods (UN4LA)
- Sierra Club
- Heal the Bay
- NRDC
- Friends of Griffith Park
- Urban Wildlands Group
- Los Angeles Waterkeeper
- Project Bobcat
- Project Coyote
- SCIL (Social Compassion in Legislation)
- Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Mountain Lion Foundation
- Los Angeles Audubon Society
- Endangered Habitats League
- Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society
- San Fernando Valley Audubon Society
- California Native Plant Society LA/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter
- Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society
- The Nature Conservancy

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- National Wildlife Federation
- The Hollywood Orchard
- Laurel Canyon Land Trust
- LA Community Forest Advisory Committee
- Save Our Canyons
- Canyon Back Alliance
- Hills For Everyone
- SEE (Social Eco Education)
- National Parks Conservation Association
- <u>Defend Ballona Wetlands</u>
- Ballona Wetlands Institute
- The Paw Project
- In Defense of Animals
- Protect Ballona Wetlands

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Planning and Land Use Management Committee City Hall, Room 395 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

July 27, 2014

Re: CF #14-0518 Paul Koretz' Wildlife Corridor motion

Dear Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 44 homeowner and residents associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, from Pacific Palisades to Mt. Washington. The Federation's mission is to protect the property and quality of life of its over 200,000 constituents and to conserve the natural habitat and appearance of the hillside and mountain areas in which they live. At its meeting on June 4, 2014, the Federation unanimously voted to support Councilmember Paul Koretz' wildlife corridor motion CF #14-0518.

Wildlife corridors are vital to aid movement so that animals can move freely without getting killed and to help maintain genetic diversity. P-22 is an example of a mountain lion that crossed the freeway successfully and survived ingesting rodenticide thanks to swift treatment by National Park Service biologists. Another mountain lion was recently killed crossing the 101. We need wildlife corridors and this motion will ensure that the City of Los Angeles takes wildlife corridors into account during the planning process. The motion would protect wildlife movement from the I-405 to Griffith Park. The City would require that all hillside properties within the boundaries of the Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO) are reviewed prior to any approval to look at ways to ensure valuable wildlife connectivity be preserved. Each project would have to demonstrate that it would not negatively impact wildlife connectivity and if impacted, mitigation would be required. This would lead to permanent habitat protection.

To facilitate the implementation of this ordinance, the Federation recommends the creation of a separate category in ZIMAS such a "Wildlife Corridor Easement" to identify those properties that would be covered by the ordinance. All properties currently designated as BHO would also have a Wildlife Corridor designation.

The Federation urges PLUM to approve Councilmember Paul Koretz' motion CF #14-0518 to preserve and enhance wildlife connectivity in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Sincerely,

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PLUM Committee City Hall 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

via email

June 19, 2023

Re: #19 CF 14-0518 Wildlife Ordinance SUPPORT

Dear PLUM Committee:

The Hillside Federation which represents 47 resident associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains has supported a Wildlife Ordinance since 2014. A few simple modifications to new construction design in the Supplemental Use District will assure that wildlife continues to be able to move across our hillsides and does not become isolated. The cumulative effect of many people making small changes will have a great impact on wildlife's ability to survive and thrive.

Since the arrival of P-22 in Griffith Park more than a decade ago, the people of Los Angeles have shown an increased appreciation for the wildlife in their own backyard. P-22's death late last year only increased their resolve. They have learned the benefits of co-existing with wildlife.

The Hillside Federation strongly urges you to approve the Wildlife Ordinance today.

Sincerely,

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HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS



A Community Organization Dedicated to Improving and Preserving the Quality of Life in Laurel Canvon

June 2, 2014

TO: sent to Sharon Gin, Legislative Assistant, sharon.gin@lacity.org

IN SUPPORT of COUNCIL FILE 14-0518 - Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zones

Dear Chairman Huizar and Honorable Members of the PLUM Committee

As President of Laurel Canyon Association and native to Los Angeles, I write in support of a Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zone ordinance.

Understand this is a unique city in that it has a wilderness mountain range running through its center stretching from East LA to Griffith Park to the Pacific Ocean; our Central Park in Los Angeles.

For thousands of years wildlife have been traveling in regular migratory patterns and ranges to hunt and breed within these Santa Monica Mountains

The timing for this motion for a wildlife habitat linkage ordinance is critical because an ever increasing population and building density in the hillsides are changing entire species and endangered their viability.

A dedicated ordinance will prevent further injuries and deaths to wildlife, and will further protect the remaining open spaces, ecosystems and wildlife linkages that exist.

This needs to be passed at once.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Barrere, on behalf of the Luarel Canyon Association

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The Honorable Jose Huizar 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

February 10th, 2016

Council File 14-0518

Dear Councilmember Huizar.

I write on behalf of the Mount Washington Homeowners Alliance regarding Council File 14-0518, which was referred to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee by the City Council on April 23, 2014.

There have been communications from the Public since that time, but the Item has not been placed on the agenda for the PLUM Committee's review, discussion and action.

This item will expire in April, if it has not been taken up by PLUM.

As our population grows and wildlife habitat is diminished, humanwildlife contact becomes more common and often with tragic results, most often to the detriment of the wildlife. Maintaining established pathways for the wildlife to traverse the City safely, as they forage for food and connect to others of their own kind, is beneficial not only to them, but to us.

In a vast metropolis, we have perhaps a unique opportunity to co-exist with the creatures who have inhabited the land for centuries prior to the construction of our houses and highways. As an intelligent, compassionate species, we can help to ensure that this opportunity does not pass us by, thus committing our grandchildren to a world devoid of nature.

The MWHA supports efforts to preserve and create a system of wildlife corridors and we encourage you to discuss and act on the Motion by Councilmember Paul Koretz at the very earliest moment. We urge you not to let this opportunity pass.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

P. O. Box 65855, Los Angeles, CA 90065-0855 www.mwha.us; www.facebook.com/MWHAlliance Kindest regards,

Clare Marter Kenyon, President

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The Honorable Jose Huizar 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

March 28, 2016

RE: Council File 14-0518

Dear Councilmember Huizar,

As the expiration date approaches for Council File 14-0518, referred to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee in April 2014, we write to encourage you and your fellow PLUM Committee members to discuss and take action on this item which offers a feasible approach toward successful coexistence between the built and natural worlds in Los Angeles.

Your work to establish the Hillsides Zones and related protective ordinances in Northeast Los Angeles was a powerful step in managing the impacts of development in our area's unique natural spaces.

We as a community continue to explore and refine our understanding of the intersection between the built and natural worlds and navigate toward healthy coexistence. The inhabitants of CD 14 rely on your unique understanding of the value in preserving and connecting natural spaces throughout the district, as well as the intricacies of fostering and managing growth and investment in these neighborhoods.

To establish a planning tool that acknowledges and provides for the wildlife and informal open spaces from the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains to the hillsides and informal open spaces of more densely populated areas in Northeast LA would be a forward-thinking approach on both fronts.

It is our hope that you will incorporate a discussion of Councilmember Koretz's motion in the Committee's agenda and bring your unique understanding to bear on a proposal that is an evolutionary next step in your work to find balance in our unique urban hillsides.

Thank you for your consideration and your ongoing work on behalf of the residents of Council District 14.

Sincerely,

Melissa Kellogg

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Nate Tharp



Council File 14-0518 PLUM April 19th

Alan Dymond <dymondscra34@gmail.com>
To: Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org
Cc: Paul.Krekorian@lacity.com, tony@clawonline.org

Wed, Apr 13, 2016 at 6:02 PM



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April 13, 2016

Atten: Sharon.Dickinson@LACity.org

RE: Los Angeles City Council File 14-0518

Hearing Date April 19th @ 2:00 p.m.

Planning and Land Use Committee,

Dear Ms. Dickinson:

Re: The above public hearing before the Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM) pursuant to motion made by Council member Paul Koretz on the Wildlife Corridors and Habitat Fragmentation issue.

SCRA has over 1,000 member households a significant number of which reside in that part of the Santa Monica Mountains that would be subject to the establishment of wildlife corridors without significant loss of use and value to their properties as has been demonstrated in the past by voluntary establishments of such corridors by owners.

The undersigned has served for many years on the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Scenic Advisory Committee and has knowledge of the effect of not allowing wildlife to transit from one habitat area to another habitat. The fragmentation of well-established and known animal pathways inevitably leads to a reduction of a diverse and healthy gene pool leading to an overall reduction in the numbers of many species of wild life and the health of wildlife in these mountains.

Please add to the above council file and place before the PLUM committee members that the Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) supports without reservation the motion as submitted and requests that the motion pass for submission to the full Los Angeles City Council with a recommendation that the proposal contained in said motion be adopted.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

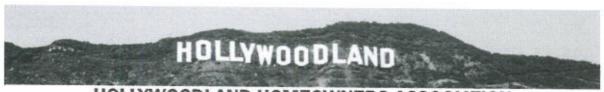
Sincerely,

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HOLLYWOODLAND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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RE: Support continued funding for Wildlife Pilot Program

Dear Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee:

Hollywoodland tract 6450 represents 190 acres of residential property and 440 plus acres of open space given to the city's Griffith Park in 1944. County maps show Hollywoodland residential surrounded by SEA and VSFHZ (Very Severe Fire Hazard Zone). We are in full support of the wildlife program and its intent to support the county's identification of SEA and substantiate the environmental review process for hillside projects.

The county identified the SEA's area in the 1970's and included its review in county projects. The first attempt to implement the SEA on a citywide level was City Planning's 2019 Wildlife Pilot Program. If it is discontinued there is a possibility it can be legally challenged. This is especially true when the environmental process is questioned. During hillside project review there are requirements for mitigation of negative environmental effects, specifically in the 6 exception categories (location, cumulative impacts, significant effect, scenic highway, hazardous waste sites and history resources). For example, most projects in Hollywoodland qualifies for a class 32 exemption and one of those criteria is:

c. The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species How is this approved if we do not have a read. Currently there is nothing in the process to substantiate this. A hole in your environmental project clearance. Purposeful or just neglect?

Leadership that understands citizens, property owners rights, zoning and commitment to the environment should not hesitate to protect sensitive, irreplaceable hillside communities like ours. Please continue to fund the wildlife program.

Thank you

Respectfully.

Christine Mills O'Brien Hollywoodland Homeowners Assoc. Hollywoodland Gifted Park Council District 4 April 29, 2021

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

We, as the Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association, were surprised and dismayed at the deletion (once again) of funding for City's Wildlife Pilot Study Program and Wildlife Corridor Pilot Ordinance

We are **surprised** at the lack of understanding by the Mayor's office of how important this program is to the environmental health of the city—which ultimately affects the people of our city.

It was also surprising because of our city's commitment to the Green New Deal—of which this program would be a fundamental building block.

Also, surprising in that it aligns with your Sustainability Plan of 2019, directing Planning to deliver a draft ordinance to the City Council by June 30, 2021. These are the steps necessary to protect the City's biodiversity which, in turn, supports the health and sustainability of the people, wildlife, and ecosystems of Los Angeles.

Ensuring the protection of open space is critically important for the people in our city. Open space has been vital to so many of our communities during the pandemic—providing essential community spaces for safe socially distanced gatherings. The Wildlife Pilot Study Program re-affirms the need for continued preservation and increased access that will ensure that Angelenos will experience the physical and mental health benefits of nature. Native landscapes help us regulate our climate, purify our air and water, pollinate our crops and create healthy soil (Lawler et al., 2014). In addition to the direct benefits from access, the preservation of our native habitats—and the species that rely on them—is critical to our long-term health and wellbeing (Martin et al., 2020).

The Plan also will prevent catastrophic wildfires by creating better buffer zones in the hillsides.

We are **dismayed** because the Wildlife Pilot Study is a **two**-year program. The first year was ultimately funded by the City Council. If not funded again to complete the study, we will have wasted last year's funding—which is fiscally irresponsible.

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We know these times are challenging for Los Angeles and we applaud your work in protecting human health and safety. As we continue to fight the immediate threat posed by the pandemic, we must also look ahead.

By supporting the City's long range Wildlife Corridor Program, the City can join other leaders in forward-thinking efforts in biodiversity and environmental health, such as Governor Newson's 30 by 30 conservation goals, and Representative Schiff's steadfastness in passing the Rim of the Valley Preservation Act.

As our Mayor—the Mayor of Los Angeles, your job is to see the future. The Wildlife Pilot Study Program gives you and other city leaders the tools to legislate for that future.

Thank you,

Missy Kelly

President,

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association



















March 15, 2021

Mayor Eric Garcetti City of Los Angeles 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Mayor Garcetti:

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us many things, and a critical lesson that should not be overlooked is the link between environmental health and the health of people. A key element of environmental health is biodiversity, which is declining worldwide primarily due to loss of habitat (Chase et al., 2020). In the City of Los Angeles, there have been overtures towards addressing our declining biodiversity, but crucial and meaningful steps have not been solidified into policy. The undersigned organizations urge you to fully fund the City's Wildlife Pilot Study Program and Wildlife Corridor Pilot Ordinance in your draft 2021/2022 budget, and in alignment with your Sustainability Plan of 2019, direct Planning to deliver a draft ordinance to the City Council by June 30, 2021. By taking these necessary steps to protect the City's biodiversity, the City will also be supporting the health and sustainability of the people, wildlife, and ecosystems of Los Angeles.

As a reminder, in 2019's LA's Green New Deal Sustainability Plan, the 2021 Milestones and Initiatives are to "Set biodiversity targets and pilot LA's first wildlife corridor." However, in 2020, after the pandemic's initial impact, LA's draft emergency budget for fiscal 2020/2021 eliminated the Planning Department's Wildlife Pilot Study Program, which is the City's key contribution to the wildlife corridor pilot zone in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains. In response to this omission, hundreds of individuals and organizations wrote to the Planning Department and City Council, and through true grassroots interests, a reinstatement of some funding to the Planning Department kept this program alive.

We are reaching out to you to ensure this omission does not happen again and that you will include adequate funding in your draft budget for the Planning Department to timely complete this project. If we want our City's legacy to include the Green New Deal, we cannot end funding and suspend one of its important milestones.

To pull funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance would contradict the City's goals for a "prosperous, livable, safe and well-run" city as heralded in the 2019/20 open budget for the City, and runs contrary to related work and investments currently supported on both city and state levels. This Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance must continue to be an important priority, even in times of crisis, because it implements the City's immediate goals for the health and sustainability of the people, wildlife, and ecosystems of Los Angeles. We also note that as of March 10th, 2021, the City is expected to receive \$1.35 billion from the federal relief package, which will help address the City's budget constraints.

The City has an obligation under state law to protect endangered or threatened animal populations, and not approve development projects that may jeopardize the survival of such populations. The mountain lions of the Santa Monica mountains are provisionally listed under the California Endangered Species Act and are presently at risk of extinction, primarily due to loss of habitat connectivity and open space caused by poorly sited development and lack of wildlife crossings (Gustafson et al. 2018; Benson et al. 2016; Benson et al. 2019). The City has an obligation not to push this population closer to extinction by allowing further degradation of existing wildlife corridors through poorly sited development. The Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance are critical steps toward meeting the City's legal obligations and preserving the City's biodiversity.

Ensuring the protection of open space is also equally important for people. Open space has been vital to many communities during the pandemic and provided essential community spaces for safe socially distanced gatherings. This reaffirms the need for continued preservation and increased access to ensure all Angelenos experience the physical and mental health benefits of nature. Native landscapes help us regulate our climate, purify our air and water, pollinate our crops and create healthy soil (Lawler et al., 2014). In addition to the direct benefits from access, preservation of our native habitats and the species that rely on them is critical to our long-term health and wellbeing (Martin et al., 2020).

We know these times are challenging for Los Angeles and we applaud your work in protecting human health and safety. As we continue to fight the immediate threat posed by the pandemic, we must also look ahead and prevent future health crises from occurring. By supporting the City's long range wildlife corridor program, the City can join other leaders in forward-thinking efforts in biodiversity and environmental health, such as Governor Newson's 30 by 30 conservation goals, and Representative Schiff's steadfastness in passing the Rim of the Valley Preservation Act.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to fully fund the City's Wildlife Pilot Study Program and Ordinance in your draft 2021/2022 budget and direct Planning to deliver a draft ordinance to the City Council by June 30, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Tony Tucci Chair Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife J.P. Rose Staff Attorney Center for Biological Diversity

Damon Nagami Senior Attorney, Nature Program Director, Southern California Ecosystems Project Natural Resource Defense Council

Jim Hines Team Leader, California Wildlife Team Sierra Club

Beth Pratt California Executive Director National Wildlife Federation

Kelsey Jessup Urban Conservation Program Manager The Nature Conservancy

Gerry Hans President Friends of Griffith Park

Marian Dodge Chairman Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations

Wendy-Sue Rosen Co-founder Brentwood Alliance of Canyons and Hillsides

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Communication from Public

Name:

Lois Becker for BASPOA

Date Submitted:

04/27/2021 06:58 PM

Council File No:

21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I spent close to an hour and a half trying to get into today's Budget Hearing in order to make the following statement and finally had to give up because I kept getting disconnected. Like stakeholders across the city I feel frustrated and shut out of the decision-making process. I understand the pandemic has been challenging for everyone, but the City needs to do better. * As residents of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway, Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners believe that protecting wildlife is an essential part of maintaining the fragile urban-wildlands balance in the Santa Monica Mountains, so we urge you to FULLY FUND THE WILDLIFE PILOT STUDY AND WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PILOT ORDINANCE AND THE FOUR STAFF POSITIONS required for the program's effective implementation NOW! In the March 30, 2021 Memorandum in which Planning Director Vince Bertoni unilaterally stripped the Mulholland Design Review Board of its code-mandated oversight of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway's Outer Corridor, Bertoni cited a LIST OF IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS that he claims make Specific Plan-MDRB oversight outmoded and superfluous. In this list he featured the "future regulation to create and maintain Wildlife Corridors", a reference to this very study/ordinance, which of course is still in limbo. We don't agree with the Director regarding the relevance of the MDRB but we do agree that Wildlife Corridor protection is absolutely vital -- and now that we no longer have the guarantee of Specific Plan protections, we need that Ordinance more than ever! It is meaningless to have (and to cite as protective) proposed legislation that has been kicking around City Hall for years now. And it will be useless to pass the ordinance without the necessary support staff. Put the Wildlife Pilot Study and WIldlife Corridor Pilot Ordinance – and staff -- back in the 2021-2022 Budget!

Communication from Public

Name: Andy Shrader

Date Submitted: 11/15/2024 04:43 PM

Council File No: 14-0518

Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letters of SUPPORT from neighborhood

councils and government entities for the wildlife ordinance.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Northridge South

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/23/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 06/24/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-0483

Agenda Date: Item Number:

Summary: Northridge South Neighborhood Council supports Council File 22-0483, which requests the development of a Regionwide Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Plan with Los Angeles and Ventura Counties that would connect areas such as Rim of the Valley to the LA River and the Arroyo Seco to the Verdugo and San Gabriel Mountains as well as the development of a plan to expand the Wildlife Ordinance to include additional Protection Areas for Wildlife within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles such as the Rim of the Valley.



June 25, 2014

Board Resolution in Support of Councilman Koretz's Motion 14-0518

We, Gary Plotkin and Robert Ringler, declare that we are the President and Vice President respectively of the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, and that on **June 25, 2014**, a Brown Act-noticed public meeting was held by the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council with a quorum of 12 board members present and that by a vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council adopted the following resolution:

Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports Councilman Koretz's wildlife connectivity motion for the investigation into and creation of Wildlife Corridors as they relate to new construction and development, to preserve the wildlife corridors, and requests to be consulted by the City Attorney and Planning Department in the development of said ordinance should the motion be passed by the City Council.

Details of the Motion:

WHEREAS, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council territory includes natural lands and low-density residential neighborhoods that allow wildlife movement in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains, and

WHEREAS, the process of land development in the BABCNC territory often involves actions that might affect wildlife movement, and

WHEREAS, viewing and enjoying wildlife is a unique experience characteristic of the quality of life in the BABCNC territory, and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Paul Koretz has introduced a motion (Council File 14-0518) to establish a process to develop and ordinance that would clearly delineate the responsibility of potential land developers to map maintain wildlife connectivity on properties to be developed to ensure that wildlife such as deer and bobcats can range through the eastern Santa Monica Mountains, and

WHEREAS, said motion was seconded by four City Councilmembers representing broad support across the City, and

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has begun to undertake the development of wildlife corridor maps within its territory and already currently advocates for measures similar to those being proposed by Councilmember Koretz,

WHEREAS, both private property interests and environmental considerations benefit by definite and consistent guidance on the environmental constraints and considerations in real estate development,

and

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Bel-Air Crest Master Association Bel Air Ridge Association Benedict Canyon Association Casiano Estates Association Faith Based Institution Laurel Canyon Association Residents of Beverty Glen Roscomare Valley Assoc. Santa Monica Mt. Conservancy Members at Large Private Schools Public Schools THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports Councilmember Koretz's wildlife connectivity motion and requests to be consulted by the City Attorney and Planning Department in the development of said ordinance should the motion be passed by the City Council.

Therefore be it resolved that the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council approves the above motion as described.

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Gary Plotkin, President

Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council City of Los Angeles Municipal Building 1645 Corinth Avenue, Room 103-4 Los Angeles, California 90025

O: 310-479-6247

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Westside Neighborhood Council

Name: Joseph Roth Phone Number:

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/09/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 03/09/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 14-0518

Agenda Date: Item Number:

Summary: In a regular monthly meeting of the Westside Neighborhood Council, the board voted to support the Council File #14-0518 because the WNC supports strong action to protect Los Angeles' natural heritage, threatened biodiversity, vulnerable wildlife population, and open spaces. The WNC also strongly supports actions to promote wildfire safety, watershed health, and climate resiliency.

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Westside Neighborhood Council

Name: Joseph Roth Phone Number:

Email: wncseat18@gmail.com

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 5/12/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 05/12/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-0483

Agenda Date: Item Number:

Summary: In a regular monthly meeting of the Westside Neighborhood Council, the board voted to support the Council motion CF#22-0483 and its goals to establish a regional approach to providing critically needed connectivity for wildlife in areas with urban connectivity. We additionally support recommendations made in the Mayor's budget to provide resources to provide staff for this important initiative and to complete the Wildlife Corridors pilot this year (Planning Dept), expansion to the Rim of the Valley (LADBS) and to implement both initiatives important to fostering the healthy coexistence between people and wildlife in one of the most urban population centers.

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(0) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/21/2016

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 04/04/2016

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 14-0518

Agenda Date: Item Number:

Summary: Support for the motion contained in Council File 14-0518, to incorporate wildlife connectivity into land use planning in the Santa Monica Mountains

Whereas, the Santa Monica Mountains area contains extensive open space and wildlife that are enjoyed by millions of residents and visitors to the City of Los Angeles; and

Whereas, crucial wildlife, including deer, bobcats, and the iconic pumas of Los Angeles, require extensive ranges for hunting, breeding, and feeding; and

Whereas, development in the combined public/private landscape in the Santa Monica Mountains can cause impassable barriers to wildlife movement, fragmenting the landscape to the detriment of wildlife; and

Whereas, proper land use planning can preserve wildlife corridors to permit connectivity between areas while also allowing development; therefore

Be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the passage of the motion contained in Council File 14-0518, which instructs the Los Angeles Department of City Planning to develop regulations that maintain wildlife corridors in the Santa Monica Mountains as part of the planning and permitting process for that area; and

Be it further resolved, the CPSNC shall file this opinion as a Community Impact Statement.





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June 25, 2014

Los Angeles City Council
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
c/o City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Sharon Gin, Legislative Assistant

Community Impact Statement
Council File 14-0518
Board Resolution in Favor

Dear Honorable Members:

We, Todd Rubinstein and Debra George declare that we are the President and the Parks Committee Chair, respectively of the Encino Neighborhood Council (NC) and that on May 28th, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by this NC with a quorum of eighteen (18) board members present and that by a vote of 16 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstention the Encino NC adopted the following resolution as a Community Impact Statement:

The Encino Neighborhood Council supports CF 14-0518, which instructs the Planning Department to prepare and present an ordinance to create a Wildlife Corridor in the eastern area of the Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance zone). We recommend that this ordinance be applicable to all of the Santa Monica Mountains within the City of Los Angeles.

Bob Bell

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Foothill Trails District

Neighborhood Council

Community Impact Statement

Council File #14-0518

At the General Board meeting of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council held on May 15, 2014, the board members voted yes no abstain to support Council Motion 14-0519 to preserve the wildlife corridors in the eastern Santa Monica Mountain Range, because as a Neighborhood Council District that also exists within natural lands and hillsides where wildlife exists and portions are under the jurisdiction of the Santa Monica Conservancy, we agree that the City should take measures to create a Wildlife Corridor in the eastern area of the Santa Monica Mountains. We further suggest that a similar action be extended to the western San Gabriel Mountains areas as well to connect the San Fernando Valley eastern portions of the natural wildlife corridors that extend from Sylmar and Lake View Terrace south through the Verdugo Mountains into Glendale and then travel west to Griffith Park and back to the Santa Monica corridors creating a full circle around the San Fernando Valley.

Kevin Davis, FTDNC President

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: North Hills West Neighborhood Council

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/18/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 10/17/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 14-0518 Agenda Date: 07/21/2022

Item Number: Summary: NHWNC - CF 14-0518

Council File: 14-0518

Title: Wildlife Corridor/Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside

Ordinance Zone)

On August 18, 2022, in accordance with the Brown Act as duly agenized at our July 21, 2022 meeting, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council in a unanimous vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, voted in support of CF 14-0518 to maintain funding for the Wildlife Corridors Project and the continuation of the Wildlife Pilot Study. We find this essential for the preservation of one of the city's most valuable natural habitats for generations to come.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important Planning initiative. We would appreciate an acknowledgement that this comment has been received. Whereas, wildlife vitality depends critically on open migration for animals to find food and to reproduce; and Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is considering a "Wildlife District" in the Santa Monica Mountains, in which carefully considered modifications to zoning and planning requirements (such as setbacks, lot coverage, fencing, lighting and grading) would be made to preserve wildlife connectivity though private and commercial properties; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of all City residents to preserve and enhance our irreplaceable and valuable natural heritage; Therefore, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the proposed "Wildlife District Supplemental Use District and Zone Change."

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Name: Carol Hutchinson

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/10/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 08/10/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 14-0518

Agenda Date: Item Number:

Summary: Whereas, Los Angeles has extraordinary natural wildlife resources distributed across a broad landscape; and Whereas, wildlife vitality depends critically on open migration for animals to find food and to reproduce; and Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is considering a "Wildlife District Supplemental Use District and Zone Change", which would create a special "Wildlife District" in the Santa Monica Mountains, in which carefully considered modifications to zoning and planning requirements (such as setbacks, lot coverage, fencing, lighting, and grading) would be made to preserve wildlife connectivity through private and commercial properties; and Whereas, it is in the best interest of all City residents to preserve and enhance our irreplaceable and valuable natural heritage; Therefore, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the proposed "Wildlife District Supplemental Use District and Zone Change".

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Studio City Neighborhood Council

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Date of NC Board Action: 08/20/2014
Type of NC Board Action: For Proposal

Impact Information Date: 08/23/2014

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 14-0518

Agenda Date: Item Number:

Brief Summary: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the motion from Councilmember Paul Koretz dated April 23, 2014 with respect to the preservation of wildlife corridors in the eastern areas of the Santa Monica Mountains (hillside ordinance zone) and the designation of this area as a regional wildlife habitat linkage zone.

Additional Information

Joann Deutch gave background on the motion and explained what the important linkage is. An effort must be made to work with the Conservancy to create the linkage.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the motion from Councilmember Paul Koretz dated April 23, 2014 with respect to the preservation of wildlife corridors in the eastern areas of the Santa Monica Mountains (hillside ordinance zone) and the designation of this area as a regional wildlife habitat linkage zone. This motion should be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File 14-0518.

See Roll Call Vote on Motion 14B attached to these minutes as Exhibit VII. 9 yes Opposed: Lana Shackelford, Scott Ouellette and Richard Niederberg. Abstain: John Walker

15. Transportation Committee Report by Barry Johnson. Barry Johnson asked for the motion to be read. John Walker read motion A. Barry Johnson introduced stakeholder Truman Capps who gave background on motion A. Truman Capps showed a photo of the street with the traffic shown. There is a large volume of cars about 18,000 each day. Lana Shackelford said this road is hazardous and she hopes this motion passes. Gail Steinberg said that she agrees with the motion but the resolution may be the instillation of speed bumps. Richard Niederberg supports this motion as a matter of safety.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian investigate remedies for slowing traffic on Vineland Avenue, South of Ventura Boulevard to its terminus at Lankershim Boulevard.

See Roll Call Vote on Motion 15A attached to these minutes as Exhibit VIII. Unanimous

John Walker read motion B.

Barry Johnson gave background on the motion. He reported that the only place in the San Fernando Valley where the parking rates are over \$1 an hour is this portion of Studio City. John Walker recalled that Councilman Paul Krekorian had agreed that these rates should be lowered. Brian Mahoney suggested that we remove the word entire. Jon Epstein said this is a matter of supply and demand. There is not much parking in the area so we should keep the rate as is. Alex Izbicki said it is not the money that it costs. It is a question of whether these rates are fair and in parity with other valley areas. Jane Drucker said the increase in the parking rates did not move cars from the streets to the public parking lot. Lisa Sarkin said the money from these meters is supposed to be used to buy parking lots but it goes to the general fund. Richard Niederberg said the motion



October 31, 2014

City Council of the City of Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re:

Wildlife Corridor / Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance Zone)

Case: Council File # 14-0518

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

On October 15th, 2014 the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council held a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors. Said meeting was noticed in accordance with the Brown Act and held according to the bylaws of the organization. HHWNC adopted the following motion by a vote of 18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining and directed that the Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

Motion: WHEREAS maintaining the ability of wildlife to traverse the Santa Monica Mountains is critical to their livelihood in the HHWNC, and WHEREAS the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has already undertaken to develop wildlife corridor maps to highlight the paths wildlife take to the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains, and WHEREAS land development in the HHWNC can infringe on those wildlife corridors, and WHEREAS the diverse wildlife is an important component to what makes our area special, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the motion from City Councilman Paul Koretz, dated April 23, 2014 (Council File 14-0518), with respect to the preservation of wildlife corridors in the Santa Monica Mountains (hillside ordinance zone) and the designation of this area as a regional wildlife habitat linkage zone.

This motion should be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File 14-0518.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Mann, President

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: PICO Neighborhood Council

Name: Brad Kane

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 12/14/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 01/05/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 14-0518 Agenda Date: 12/14/2022 Item Number: 12(c)

Summary: The PICO Neighborhood Council ("NC") supports strong action to protect Los Angeles's incredible naturalheritage, threatened biodiversity, vulnerable wildlife population, and open spaces. The PICO NC also strongly supports actions to promote wildfire safety, watershed health, and

climate resilience.PICO NC therefore supports the City Council's motion CF



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PRESIDENT Brad Kane VICE PRESIDENT Lisa Kaye SECRETARY Aura Vasquez TREASURER Richard Mannino (Interim) COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR Brendan Nelson

Date:

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

To:

Los Angeles City Council

Re:

Council File # 14-0518

Wildlife Corridor / Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance Zone)

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The PICO Neighborhood Council ("NC") supports strong action to protect Los Angeles's incredible natural heritage, threatened biodiversity, vulnerable wildlife population, and open spaces. The PICO NC also strongly supports actions to promote wildfire safety, watershed health, and climate resilience.

PICO NC therefore supports the City Council's motion CF # 14-0518, and the intent and purpose of such an ordinance and urges the City to adopt a strong ordinance ensuring that property development protects within the area and ultimately the entire City, preserves, and promotes all of those essential goals (as identified in the opening paragraph of this CIS).

Specifically, the PICO NC urges the City to reject attempts to weaken protections for wildlife, critical habitat, biodiversity and to weaken protections for communities against the existential threats of wildfire and climate change in favor of perceived short-term property development interests.

Sincerely,

Brad S. Kane President

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Mar Vista Community Council

Name: Bill Koontz Phone Number:

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Date of NC Board Action: 08/12/2014

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 01/31/2015

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 14-0518

Agenda Date: Item Number:

Brief Summary: The Mar Vista CommunityCouncil supports CF 14-0518 which instructs thePlanning Department to prepare and present an ordinance to createa Wildlife Corridor in the eastern area of the Santa Monica Mountains(Hillside Ordinance zone).

Additional Information: This motion passed the MVCC Board of Directors with

unanimous support.



Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>

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To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org

Sun, Jan 7, 2024 at 2:50 PM

A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enable by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Councils rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Palms

Name: Kay Hartman

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(5) Nay(2) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/06/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information Date: 01/07/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 14-0518

Agenda Date: Item Number:

Summary: Palms Neighborhood Council supports strong action to protect Los Angeles' threatened biodiversity, vulnerable wildlife, and open spaces. Palms Neighborhood Council also strongly support actions to promote wildfire safety, watershed health, and climate resilience. Therein, Palms Neighborhood Council supports City Council Motion CF14-0518 and the intent and purpose of such an ordinance, and urges the City to adopt a strong ordinance ensuring that property development within the City protects, preserves, and promotes all of the aforementioned priorities. Accordingly, Palms Neighborhood Council urges the City to reject attempts to weaken the critical environmental tenants of the proposed ordinance in favor of perceived property development and related special interests and to look to this pilot program as a stepping stone to create Wildlife Corridor protections throughout the City.



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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

[Support if Amended] of Wildlife Ordinance (Case Numbers CPC-2022-3413-CA, CPC-2022-3712-ZC, and ENV-2022-3414-CE)

Los Angeles City Planning Commission City of Los Angeles 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles CA, 90012

cpc@lacity.org ourla2040@lacity.org contactCD4@lacity.org councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org

Dear LA City Planning Commission and Council Members:

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations from the Center for Biological Diversity, and will support the Wildlife Ordinance if amended. Please find enclosed the letter with the details of the requested amendments.

Sincerely,

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

c/o Kevin Rutkowski, Secretary

PRESENTED BY: Green Committee - Kristen Egermeier CoChair

SECONDED BY: Maebe A. Girl

YES: 14, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 1

ON THIS DATE: January 4th, 2023

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Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area 401 West Hillcrest Drive Thousand Oaks, California 91360-4207

April 19, 2016

Los Angeles City Council 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Los Angeles City Councilmembers:

Thank you for hearing Council File 14-0518 on April 19th, 2016. The National Park Service (NPS) offers the following comments on the proposed Santa Monica Mountains Wildlife Corridor Ordinance. NPS is a voting member on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Board of Directors, and we concur with the comments of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in their resolution dated July 28, 2014.

The U.S. Congress recognized the Santa Monica Mountains as nationally significant in 1978 when it created Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Much of the area affected by the proposed ordinance is within the recreation area boundary or within the Santa Monica Mountains Ecological Zone, also recognized by Congress in the park's enabling legislation.

During approximately 15 years of research in the Santa Monica Mountains, the NPS has identified increasing urbanization and habitat fragmentation as one of the key challenges to protecting local wildlife and a functioning ecosystem. The proposed ordinance would support NPS goals and objectives to protect open space and provide for wildlife movement throughout the Santa Monica Mountains and the greater vicinity.

The NPS provides comments on the effects of private and public land development in the Santa Monica Mountains at the invitation of state and local units of government with authority to prevent or minimize adverse uses. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have questions, please call Kate Kuykendall at (805) 370-2343.

Sincerely,

David Szymanski Superintendent



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

455 NORTH REXFORD DRIVE . BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90210

John A. Mirisch, Mayor

April 18, 2016

Faisal Alserri Senior Planning Deputy Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz 200 North Spring Street, Room 440 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Alserri.

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am writing in strong support of the establishment and protection of Regional Wildlife Habitat and Linkage Zones in the Santa Monica Mountains.

We are all very fortunate to live in a region where we have the best of urban living side-byside with natural beauty and a rich array of wildlife. However, the critical natural byways
connecting so many creatures with their means of sustenance are in danger from
development. It is imperative that the City of Los Angeles identify and protect these
corridors now, before development permanently damages the populations that lived here
long before humans arrived. With careful planning we can peacefully coexist with nature.

I urge the Planning and Land Use Management Committee to pass this motion and support its swift approval by the Los Angeles City Council

Sincerely,

John A. Mirisch

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

July 28, 2014; Agenda Item No. 16

Resolution No. 14-41

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY SUPPORTING SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS (HILLSIDE ORDINANCE ZONE) WILDLIFE CORRIDOR ORDINANCE (CF 14-0518 KORETZ), CITY OF LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, The Eastern Santa Monica Mountains habitat linkage leading to Griffith Park is of regional ecological significance; and

WHEREAS, The City of Los Angeles City Council is considering adoption of an Ordinance that will lend significant protection to this intra-mountain range habitat linkage; and

WHEREAS, the staff report dated July 28, 2014 further describes the project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

- FINDS that the City of Los Angeles' proposed Santa Monica Mountains Wildlife Corridor Ordinance (CF 14-0518) is a balanced and effective tool for the City Planning Department in coordination with interested parties to secure necessary permanent wildlife corridor protections in the Hillside Ordinance zone.
- FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated July 28, 2014.
- SUPPORTS the City of Los Angeles' proposed Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance Zone) Wildlife Corridor Ordinance (CF 14-0518 Koretz).
- AUTHORIZES the Executive Director, or his assignee, to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution.

~ End of Resolution ~

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IHEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, regularly noticed and held according to law, on the 28th day of July, 2014 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated: 7/28/14

Executive Director



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

King Gillette Ranch 26800 Mulholland Highway Calabasas, California 91302 Phone (818) 878-0866 Fax (818) 878-0508

April 28, 2021

Los Angeles City Council via Los Angeles City Clerk City of Los Angeles 200 North Spring Street, Room 360 Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 21-0600, Support for Retention of Funding and Staff for Wildlife Pilot Study, Fiscal Year Budget 2021-2022

Honorable Councilmembers:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) urges the City Council to restore funding in the 2021/2022 fiscal year budget for the four staff positions in the Department of City Planning related to the Wildlife Pilot Study Program. Abrupt elimination of the Study would waste hundreds of thousands of public dollars already invested when the completion of a draft Wildlife Corridor Pilot Ordinance is only months away. It would also jeopardize the value of tens of millions of dollars of existing public parkland and open space.

To date, the Wildlife Pilot Study has been the City's only contribution toward maintaining biodiversity and protecting threatened and endangered species in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains. The Wildlife Pilot Study is critical to meeting the objectives of the 2019 Los Angeles Green New Deal Sustainability Plan. Has the pandemic not emphasized enough the importance of nature within the City?

This modest investment in the completion of the Wildlife Pilot Study and the forthcoming Wildlife Corridor Ordinance will provide public benefits that extend beyond wildlife and the ecology of the Santa Monica Mountains. When funding for this critical Study was on the chopping block in 2020, a report by the City Administrative Officer (CAO) found that: "The DCP (Department of City Planning) reports that the Wildlife Pilot Study (Study) will streamline the review process, reduce the amount of staff time needed for each project, and potentially reduce the overall processing timeline for applicants related to entitlement applications in the Santa Monica Mountains Study Area."

Sincerely,

Paul Edelman

Chief of Natural Resources and Planning

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March 16, 2021

The Honorable Eric Garcetti Mayor, City of Los Angeles 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Support for Wildlife Pilot Study FY 21/22 Funding

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

The City Council forged new ground with its 2016 motion to establish the Regional Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zone encompassing the Santa Monica Mountains between the 405 freeway and Griffith Park. In response, five years ago the Planning Department was tasked with preparing a Wildlife Corridor Ordinance in conjunction with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife to ensure that development projects accommodate for this habitat linkage system. A well-crafted Wildlife Corridor Ordinance is an essential, although past-due, planning tool to maintain a broad spectrum of wildlife presence that enriches the whole City.

To be sure that the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance gets to the City Council in 2021, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy again urges you to fully fund the Planning Department's Wildlife Pilot Study Program in the 2021/2022 budget. That small investment is without question necessary to assure the future presence of larger mammal species in a special mountain range that delivers those animals close to the heart of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP, Hon. ASLA

Executive Director



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Paul Edelman

Chief of Natural Resources and Planning

Communication from Public

Name: Andy Shrader

Date Submitted: 11/15/2024 04:45 PM

Council File No: 14-0518

Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letters of SUPPORT from environmental and

environmental justice organizations for the wildlife ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS



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September 4, 2013

Councilman Paul Koretz Fifth Council District 200 N. Spring Street, Room 440 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Councilmember Koretz and staff:

Thank you for meeting with Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) on Wednesday, August 21st 2013. It was the general consensus that the city needs to do a better job preserving our habitat connectivity (wildlife corridors) in the eastern area of the Santa Monica Mountains (I-405 to Griffith Park.) We agreed that small hillside conservation easements are not "a taking" and that it is possible to have growth while preserving our environmental heritage. Unfortunately, that is currently not the city's philosophy because there is a systemic breakdown in the city's review and approval process that threatens our native wildlife species.

So during our meeting, we introduced the idea of a "biological constraints checklist" that ensures that hillside properties are presumed as part of a wildlife corridor until scientifically verified otherwise. We all agreed to the need for a new ordinance that protects this key element of the city's public trust because we are already seeing evidence of adverse changes to this area's biology.

Therefore, this letter is a formal request for you, Councilmember Koretz, to author a wildlife corridor ordinance for the City of Los Angeles' eastern area Santa Monica Mountains in order to:

- formally label this area as a Regional Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zone where just one single-family residential project can cause permanent, system-wide, adverse effects;
- guarantee open space connectivity by requiring all future building permits to permanently accommodate the habitat connectivity;
- create a new system for adequate review and mitigation -- one that includes undisputable guidelines and measurable metrics -- to unequivocally protect this region and other dwindling habitat areas citywide.

We propose this ordinance should include the following:

- A Biological Constraints Checklist -- every new building project needs a simple habitat connectivity and wildlife permeability review. A factual, scientific screening process in a form of a yes or no checklist, for example: "Is the project adjacent to a habitat block?"
- Land protection ratios and minimum guarantees -- on a sliding scale, depending on the size of the parcel, project and the degree of biological impact determined by the checklist. Every impacting parcel must contribute to the wildlife habitat connectivity on a minimum level.
- Easements and deed restrictions in perpetuity -- deed restrictions by the City of LA are the minimum level
 of protection that should be instituted (with only a unanimous city council vote to undo a wildlife
 corridor/open space deed restriction recorded in favor of the city.)
- A rule that no grading or building permits are issued until deed restrictions (or easements) are finalized,
 recorded and approved in writing by the presiding District Councilmember and/or City Attorney's office.
- Ordinance draft preparation that includes not only council office and planning staff, but also Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, citizen advocates (i.e. CLAW, MDRB, etc.) and at least one independent biologist.

Since our mountain and urban interface is rapidly approaching a tipping point, this ordinance under your leadership could ultimately be the catalyst to protect our native wildlife. Planners, builders, architects, and city staff will have to presume a hillside property is part of an existing or potential wildlife corridor until scientific written analysis indicates it is not AND design urban growth in accordance. We commend you for your leadership on this issue.

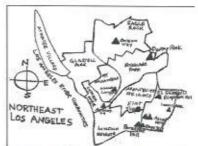
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Sincerely,

Alison Simard, Skip Haynes and Tony Tucci

Board of Directors















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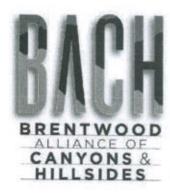


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June 19, 2023

The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson and Honorable Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee Members 200 N. Spring Street, Room 450 Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: STRONG SUPPORT for Wildlife Pilot ordinance (Council File #14-0518)

Dear Chair Councilmember Harris-Dawson and PLUM Committee Members:

We, the undersigned, representing hundreds of thousands of members and supporters in Los Angeles, write in STRONG SUPPORT of both approving the long-pending wildlife pilot ordinance, including the improvements recommended by Councilwomen Raman and Yaroslavsky (letter in CF#14-0518 dated 6/13/23), and further strengthening the ordinance language.

The vote by your committee couldn't be more timely or more necessary. The decade-long struggles and sad demise of P-22 epitomized the larger issues faced by wildlife in our region: overdevelopment blocking habitat connectivity, fatal auto collisions, and rat poisoning of the entire food chain. While P-22 is gone, the same challenges continue for all the remaining wildlife. The outpouring of grief and support for P-22 underlines how popular local wildlife protection efforts have become during his lifetime.

What is unique and important about this wildlife pilot ordinance is that the process is already in place to expand the ordinance from the pilot area between the 405 and the 101 freeways to the wildlife areas around the city, including especially environmental justice areas where improving access to nature and protecting existing natural areas couldn't be more important for all Angelenos.

That said, in addition to the recommendations from Councilwomen Raman and Yaroslavsky, we believe the proposed ordinance could be further strengthened. As currently proposed, the Open Space Buffers that trigger site plan review are currently 25 feet or less. This would prevent the trigger of Site Plan Review for projects directly across an existing roadway from open space; many major streets like Mulholland Drive are wider than 25 feet. We support one of the following improvements:

- Revert back to an Open Space Buffer of 50 feet, which was proposed in the second draft of the wildlife ordinance. Then-Councilmember Paul Koretz, the author of the original legislation, advocated for a return to a 50 foot buffer in his comments before the City Planning Commission and we concur.
- A compromise for a 35 foot buffer which would protect connectivity for many projects on the opposite side of a street from open space; or
- 3) Maintain the 25 foot buffer, but remove width of streets and roads from 25 foot distance measurement.

Given the scientific study published in the journal, *Ecological Applications*, highlighting the risk of extinction of the Southern California Mountain Lions within the next fifty years, this vote the City Council takes on the wildlife ordinance to protect wildlife habitat connectivity will ultimately determine their fate.

Respectfully yours,

Tony Tucci, Chair & Co-Founder Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW)

Wendy-Sue Rosen, Co-Founder Brentwood Alliance of Canyons & Hillsides

Marian Dodge, Chair The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations

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President, Laurel Canyon Land Trust President, Laurel Canyon Association

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Casey Maddren, President United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles (UN4LA)

Mark Levine, Board President Save Our Canyons

Kim Lamorie, President Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc. of the Santa Monica Mountains

Francine Hanberg, MD
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Infectious Disease Specialist
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Bruce Reznik, Executive Director Los Angeles Waterkeeper

Paulina Torres, Staff Attorney Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

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James Hines, Team Leader Sierra Club California Wildlife Team

Joanne D'Antonio, Chair Trees Committee Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

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Claire Schlotterbeck, Executive Director Hills for Everyone Martha Camacho Rodriguez, Director SEE (Social Eco Education)

Dennis G. Arguelles, Southern California Director National Parks Conservation Association

Marcia Hanscom, Community Organizer Defend Ballona Wetlands

Robert Roy van de Hoek, Wildlife Biologist Ballona Wetlands Institute

Jennifer Conrad, DVM, Director The Paw Project

Lisa Levinson, Campaigns Director In Defense of Animals

Jane Velez-Mitchell Co-Founder, Protect Ballona Wetlands Founder, UnchainedTV

Tracy Quinn, President & CEO Heal the Bay

Andy Shrader, Father of two



























Honorable Los Angeles City Councilmembers:

Thank you for hearing Council File 14-0518 on April 19th, 2016.

As population pressures expand, it is paramount to maintain the environmental qualities that make Los Angeles such an amazing place in which both to live and visit. By supporting Councilmember Koretz's proposed Wildlife Corridor Ordinance, Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the undersigned groups, representing more than 380,000 members and supporters in California, express a deep commitment to preserve habitat connectivity in the Santa Monica Mountains between Griffith Park and the San Diego (I-405) freeway.

The objective of the motion is to establish a Regional Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zone in this unique section of the Santa Monica Mountains that extends almost to downtown. Within this Zone, a new City Ordinance would require the preparation of a habitat constraints analysis prior to the construction of a new home or the creation of new lots. Within the Zone, just one improperly sited single-family residence could permanently sever the movement of larger mammals and subsequently disrupt ecosystems between the I-405 freeway and Griffith Park. As part of the process, significant development or blockage of critical habitat connections would be prohibited within the Zone.

The sustainability of our urban wildlife populations is at a dangerous tipping point. Please protect and enhance the Public Trust by adopting this innovative motion.

Respectfully,

Date: 4/19/16

Submitted in PLUM Committee

Gouncil File No: 14-0518

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Co-Directors Alison Simard, Tony Tucci, Shawn Silver Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW)

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 Los Angeles City Councilmembers
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Travis Longcore, Ph.D. Science Director, The Urban Wildlands Group

Camila Fox Founder & Executive Director, Project Coyote

Stephen Wells Executive Director, Animal Legal Defense Fund



June 17, 2023

TO: Planning & Land Use Management Committee

RE: Council File: 14-0518, Case No. CPC-2022-3414-CA, CPC-2022-3712-ZC

Dear Council Members:

The South LA Tree Coalition supports the **Draft Wildlife District Ordinance** which establishes critical and progressive guidelines for the retention and growth of elements of the city's natural infrastructure. These protective efforts will safeguard human health, biodiversity and the sustainability of communities at a time when the City is working hard to combat the threats of climate change.

The South LA Tree Coalition acknowledges the significance of trees, green space and open space as vital components of our region. This ordinance, although pertaining to a particular area of the city, establishes precedent for effective management and stewardship of vital natural infrastructure efforts. Specific to trees, the proposed ordinance provides for enhanced review and consideration for not only protected trees but significant trees as well. Currently, protections for existing significant trees are not sufficiently regulated or enforced.

For South LA residents the proposed implication of the wildlife ordinance offers direct solutions for the challenge of wildlife encroachment into local neighborhoods. Hundreds of residents across South LA know too well the presence of wildlife including coyotes, in local streets, yards and urban spaces. This ordinance will support protection of natural habitat to allow for such wildlife to remain in more natural spaces and better buffered from urban contact.

We thank you for your consideration.

Robin Gilliam & Theresa Maysonet South LA Tree Coalition southlatrees@gmail.com P.O. Box 19068 Los Angeles, CA 90019

About SLAT

The South LA Tree (SLAT) Coalition is a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded by women of color. Since its origins in 2021, in response to the removal of a grove of Protected Sycamore trees in South LA as a result of a development project, the SLAT Coalition works through grassroots efforts to prioritize the preservation, protection and growth of the urban forest and its tree canopy in South LA – a designated tree-poor region of the City. The SLAT Coalition aims to grow community awareness and agency in strengthening the role of trees as part of larger efforts including environmental justice, climate resiliency, biodiversity, and community wellness

May 11, 2021

Chair Krekorian and Councilmembers Budget and Finance Committee City of Los Angeles

Submitted via email and Council File No. 21-0600

RE: Sierra Club's Priorities for 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

The Sierra Club appreciates the opportunity to comment. We begin this letter by acknowledging and applauding the City Council's leadership on many climate and habitat issues that address the connections between health, wellbeing, jobs, emissions reductions and local resilience. We would like to ensure the City Council's success on these issues by recommending specific budget items that need to be incorporated into the 2021-2022 proposed budget.

- An allocation of \$3.4 million for the amortization study of LA's oil fields, and for a total
 of \$6.8 million over a two year period. Along with our partners at STAND-LA, we
 remain concerned that the process to phase out oil and gas drilling is moving too slowly
 given our public health is on the line. Funding will ensure this process has the resources it
 needs to move quickly and nimbly while prioritizing the health and safety of frontline
 communities.
- Adequate funding for staffing the Planning Department and the Petroleum Administrator's office to draft the non-conforming land use ordinance.
- An allocation of \$786,000 to realize LA's wildlife corridor as called for in LA's Green New Deal. This would be in line with Governor Newsom's 30 by 30 conservation goals, and Congressmember Schiff's leadership on the Rim of the Valley Preservation Act.
- 4. An allocation of \$2.5 million to adequately fund the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office, the Climate Emergency Commission, and Community Assemblies. As we make progress on fighting the pandemic and move toward recovery, frontline communities must be at the table and be given opportunities to provide input and leadership for a recovery to be just and for funding that is being distributed across federal, state and local to be equitable and prioritize frontline communities.

Along with these requests for funding, Sierra Club supports the efforts of People's Budget LA. Currently, the proposed budget allocates over \$3 billion to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), accounting for 46% of the total budget, despite overwhelming support from Angelenos to redirect funding from LAPD to critical services that center and strengthen communities of color, such as reimagined public safety, housing, childcare, and pandemic recovery, among others listed in their proposal. Redirecting funding from LAPD, along with unprecedented levels of funding from federal and state budgets, should allow the City Council to fully fund these critical programs for our communities and the environment.

Morgan Goodwin

Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter Director

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March 15, 2021

Mayor Eric Garcetti City of Los Angeles 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Mayor Garcetti:

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us many things, and a critical lesson that should not be overlooked is the link between environmental health and the health of people. A key element of environmental health is biodiversity, which is declining worldwide primarily due to loss of habitat (Chase et al., 2020). In the City of Los Angeles, there have been overtures towards addressing our declining biodiversity, but crucial and meaningful steps have not been solidified into policy. The undersigned organizations urge you to fully fund the City's Wildlife Pilot Study Program and Wildlife Corridor Pilot Ordinance in your draft 2021/2022 budget, and in alignment with your Sustainability Plan of 2019, direct Planning to deliver a draft ordinance to the City Council by June 30, 2021. By taking these necessary steps to protect the City's biodiversity, the City will also be supporting the health and sustainability of the people, wildlife, and ecosystems of Los Angeles.

As a reminder, in 2019's LA's Green New Deal Sustainability Plan, the 2021 Milestones and Initiatives are to "Set biodiversity targets and pilot LA's first wildlife corridor." However, in 2020, after the pandemic's initial impact, LA's draft emergency budget for fiscal 2020/2021 eliminated the Planning Department's Wildlife Pilot Study Program, which is the City's key contribution to the wildlife corridor pilot zone in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains. In response to this omission, hundreds of individuals and organizations wrote to the Planning Department and City Council, and through true grassroots interests, a reinstatement of some funding to the Planning Department kept this program alive.

We are reaching out to you to ensure this omission does not happen again and that you will include adequate funding in your draft budget for the Planning Department to timely complete this project. If we want our City's legacy to include the Green New Deal, we cannot end funding and suspend one of its important milestones.

To pull funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance would contradict the City's goals for a "prosperous, livable, safe and well-run" city as heralded in the 2019/20 open budget for the City, and runs contrary to related work and investments currently supported on both city and state levels. This Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance must continue to be an important priority, even in times of crisis, because it implements the City's immediate goals for the health and sustainability of the people, wildlife, and ecosystems of Los Angeles. We also note that as of March 10th, 2021, the City is expected to receive \$1.35 billion from the federal relief package, which will help address the City's budget constraints.

The City has an obligation under state law to protect endangered or threatened animal populations, and not approve development projects that may jeopardize the survival of such populations. The mountain lions of the Santa Monica mountains are provisionally listed under the California Endangered Species Act and are presently at risk of extinction, primarily due to loss of habitat connectivity and open space caused by poorly sited development and lack of wildlife crossings (Gustafson et al. 2018; Benson et al. 2016; Benson et al. 2019). The City has an obligation not to push this population closer to extinction by allowing further degradation of existing wildlife corridors through poorly sited development. The Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance are critical steps toward meeting the City's legal obligations and preserving the City's biodiversity.

Ensuring the protection of open space is also equally important for people. Open space has been vital to many communities during the pandemic and provided essential community spaces for safe socially distanced gatherings. This reaffirms the need for continued preservation and increased access to ensure all Angelenos experience the physical and mental health benefits of nature. Native landscapes help us regulate our climate, purify our air and water, pollinate our crops and create healthy soil (Lawler et al., 2014). In addition to the direct benefits from access, preservation of our native habitats and the species that rely on them is critical to our long-term health and wellbeing (Martin et al., 2020).

We know these times are challenging for Los Angeles and we applaud your work in protecting human health and safety. As we continue to fight the immediate threat posed by the pandemic, we must also look ahead and prevent future health crises from occurring. By supporting the City's long range wildlife corridor program, the City can join other leaders in forward-thinking efforts in biodiversity and environmental health, such as Governor Newson's 30 by 30 conservation goals, and Representative Schiff's steadfastness in passing the Rim of the Valley Preservation Act.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to fully fund the City's Wildlife Pilot Study Program and Ordinance in your draft 2021/2022 budget and direct Planning to deliver a draft ordinance to the City Council by June 30, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Tony Tucci Chair Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife J.P. Rose Staff Attorney Center for Biological Diversity

Damon Nagami Senior Attorney, Nature Program Director, Southern California Ecosystems Project Natural Resource Defense Council

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Friends of Griffith Park P.O. Box 27573 Los Angeles, CA 90027-0573 friendsofgriffithpark.org

April 18, 2016

Planning and Land Use Management Committee City Hall, Room 395 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CF #14-0518 Wildlife Corridor Motion (Koretz)

Honorable Councilmembers,

We embrace and support the concept that the Los Angeles Planning Department becomes proactive, through jurisdiction under the Baseline Hillside Ordinance, to protect the permeability of lands in the Santa Monica Mountains region to the benefit of our wildlife. As an organization which advocates for the protection of natural habitat through education and sometimes through CEQA-based challenges, we realize that guidelines need to be on the books to encourage land owners and residents to do what is best for all LA's citizenry and its wildlife.

We would also suggest that critical choke point regions be given a higher priority for scrutiny. Development in these high priority areas might trigger more restrictive lot coverage ratios or mitigation measures. An example of such an area would be the Cahuenga Pass region, where chunks of habitat on both sides of the freeway are critical zones leading to extremely weak linkages across the freeway, essentially now relegated to two overpass bridges. The "launching pads" are as critical as the actual bridges, themselves.

Connectivity across the Santa Monica Mountains - including Griffith Park – is crucial for species to maintain sufficient genetic variability. The clock is ticking for various species already, and more will follow. In evolutionary time, habitat fragmentation is a recent phenomenon – perpetrated by humans.

We and our scientific advisors are anxious to work with the City, MRCA, Citizens for LA Wildlife and others to slow down the loss of wildlife connectivity and this motion is an excellent start.

Sincerely,

Gerry Hans President



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June 17, 2023

Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson and Planning & Land Use Committee Members Via email & CF 14-0518 submission

RE: Strong Support for Wildlife Ordinance

Dear Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers:

Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) continues its strong support of the Los Angles Wildlife District Ordinance at this long-awaited stage of the approval process. We also look forward to its swift implementation beyond the pilot area, extending the protection into the identified hillsides of Protection Areas for Wildlife (PAWS).

FoGP supports the astute amendment recommendations provided by Councilmembers Raman and Yaroslavsky. We would add that the currently proposed 25-foot buffer is not adequate where a property is adjacent to a 25(or more)-foot road. To accommodate for this occurrence, either the road's width should not count in the buffer measurement, or the 25-foot buffer should be increased to 35-50 feet. Otherwise, Site Plan Review would not be triggered when it is needed, for example, across the road or street from an open space parcel.

There is no time left to lose. This is a critical step in preserving biodiversity in the Los Angeles region, by protecting important habitat and connectivity.

As Griffith Park is the eastern terminus of the majestic Santa Monica Mountain Range, we appreciate the continuity of rich natural resources extending from the Pacific Coastline far into the City's urban sprawl. While these mountains have been widely developed over the last century, the remaining connectivity they afford to wildlife makes urban living healthier and enjoyable for all Angelenos.

We commend City Planning's commitment to the biological analysis, the vast amount of outreach, and the enlightened implementation this Ordinance. In doing so, Los Angeles is taking substantial action in the City's future as a biodiverse, yet huge, urban area.

Sincerely,

Gerry Hans, President













April 28, 2021

Los Angeles City Council Budget and Finance Committee City of Los Angeles

Re: Mayor Proposed 2021-22 Budget / Special Meeting / Budget and Finance Committee

Dear Councilmembers:

We are grassroots conservation organizations in the City of Los Angeles. Each of the Audubon chapters overlaps with a portion of the City, from the San Fernando Valley to San Pedro. The Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter of the California Native Plant Society seeks to increase understanding of California's native flora and to preserve this rich resource for future generations, operating within the Santa Monica Mountains and San Fernando Valley. Endangered Habitats League and The Urban Wildlands Group work within the City and throughout the region. We all agree that the City should enact the ordinance developed as part of the Wildlife Pilot Study over the past five years and to fund positions to ensure that the ordinance is implemented and enforced.

The Santa Monica Mountains are being inexorably degraded through unsound development practices. The Planning Department has worked carefully to develop measures that would reduce those impacts while still allowing reasonable development. To be effective such an ordinance requires staff for interpretation and enforcement.

We are disappointed that Mayor Garcetti zeroed out staff resources for this proposal in his draft budget and respectfully request that you restore funding to the Wildlife Pilot Study Program and Ordinance in the 2021/2022 budget and act quickly to pass the ordinance.

Sincerely,

Catherine Rich The Urban Wildlands Group

Travis Longcore Los Angeles Audubon Society

Dan Silver Endangered Habitats League

Jess Morton Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society

Dave Weeshoff San Fernando Valley Audubon Society

Snowdy Dodson Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter, California Native Plant Society



Statement from The Hollywood Orchard Board of Directors September 23, 2020

April 28, 2021

Mayor Eric Garcetti City of Los Angeles 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Mayor Garcetti,

On behalf of the members of the Hollywood Orchard, we strongly urge you to fully fund the City's Wildlife Pilot Study Program and Wildlife Corridor Pilot Ordinance in your draft 2021/2022 budget. After five years of study, LA City recently announced that a wildlife corridor draft ordinance would be revealed by the end of April. Yet only a week after this announcement, your draft budget released for the upcoming year, pulled all funding for this program.

Please take these necessary steps to protect the City's biodiversity, the City and support the health and sustainability of the people, wildlife, and ecosystems of Los Angeles. In alignment with your Sustainability Plan of 2019, direct Planning to deliver a draft ordinance to the City Council by June 30, 2021.

We remind you that, in 2019's LA's Green New Deal Sustainability Plan, the 2021 Milestones and Initiatives are to "Set biodiversity targets and pilot LA's first wildlife corridor." In 2020, after the pandemic's first economic impacts were felt, LA's draft emergency budget for fiscal 2020/2021 eliminated the Planning Department's Wildlife Pilot Study Program, which is the City's key contribution

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to the wildlife corridor pilot zone in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains. In response to this omission, hundreds of individuals and organizations, including ours, wrote to the Planning Department and City Council, to reinstatement of some funding to the Planning Department kept this program alive.

Our members are reaching out to you to ensure this omission does not happen again and that you will include adequate funding in your draft budget for the Planning Department to timely complete this project. If we want our City's legacy to include the Green New Deal, we cannot end funding and suspend one of its important milestones.

Pulling funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance would contradict the City's goals for a "prosperous, livable, safe and well-run" city as heralded in the 2019/20 open budget for the City and runs contrary to related work and investments currently supported on both city and state levels. This Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance must continue to be an important priority, even in times of crisis, because it implements the City's immediate goals for the health and sustainability of the people, wildlife, and ecosystems of Los Angeles. We are also aware that as of March 10th, 2021, the City is expected to receive \$1.35 billion from the federal relief package, which will help address the City's budget constraints.

The City has an obligation under state law to protect endangered or threatened animal populations, and not approve development projects that may jeopardize the survival of such populations. The mountain lions of the Santa Monica mountains are provisionally listed under the California Endangered Species Act and are presently at risk of extinction, primarily due to loss of habitat connectivity and open space caused by poorly sited development and lack of wildlife crossings. The City of Los Angeles has an obligation not to push this population closer to extinction by allowing further degradation of existing wildlife corridors through poorly sited development. The Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance are critical steps toward meeting the City's legal obligations and preserving the City's biodiversity.

Securing the protection of open space is equally important for people. Open space has been critical to communities during the pandemic and provided essential community spaces for safe socially distanced gatherings. This restates the need for continued preservation and increased access to ensure all Angelenos experience the physical and mental health benefits of nature. Native landscapes help us regulate our climate, purify our air and water, pollinate our crops and create healthy soil. In addition to the direct benefits from access, preservation of our native habitats and the species that rely on them is absolutely critical to our long-term health and wellbeing.

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We are very aware these times are challenging for Los Angeles and we salute your work in protecting human health and safety. As we continue to fight the immediate threat posed by the pandemic, we must also look ahead and prevent future health crises from occurring. By supporting the City's long range wildlife corridor program, the City can join other leaders in forward-thinking efforts in biodiversity and environmental health, such as Governor Newson's 30 by 30 conservation goals, and Representative Schiff's steadfastness in passing the Rim of the Valley Preservation Act.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to fully fund the City's Wildlife Pilot Study Program and Ordinance in your draft 2021/2022 budget and direct Planning to deliver a draft ordinance to the City Council by June 30, 2021.

Once again, please fund this project immediately.

Signed on behalf of The Hollywood Orchard,

Angela Gygi

Executive Director and Founding Board Member of The Hollywood Orchard Allison Brooker

Secretary and Founding Board Member

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June 19, 2023

The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair, and The Honorable Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee Los Angeles City Council

Re: Council File #14-0518 – Wildlife Ordinance - #19 on PLUM agenda of 6.20.23

Dear Council PLUM members:

On behalf of the Defend Ballona Wetlands community coalition, I write to express our strong support for adoption of the wildlife ordinance you are considering this week, and also ask that you support including the recommendations offered by Councilmembers Nithya Raman and Katy Yaroslavsky related to that ordinance. An important portion of the pilot project area includes headwaters canyons that are part of the Ballona River/Creek/Wetlands watershed, and we know from documentation by scientists naturalists that wildlife travel between those hillside canyons and the Ballona Wetlands, city coastal lagoons and other habitats in CD11, where our work is focused.

Los Angeles is within an area that is considered a biodiversity hotspot, which signifies that the rich biodiversity which has been documented by so many, including the City of LA's own Sanitation and Environment Department, is at serious risk of being eliminated or at least severely diminished.

In fact, this wildlife ordinance is necessary to stave off such an eventuality that will occur if leaders like you don't take action to make a serious course correction. We just can't pave over every last piece of earth here and expect that the natural heritage we have here will be preserved. In fact, this wildlife ordinance is the first of numerous steps that must be taken to protect the biodiversity that we live with here in Los Angeles, which includes numerous rare, imperiled and even endangered species.

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PLUM COMMITTEE Los Angeles City Council From: Defend Ballona Wetlands Re: Council File #14-0518 – Wildlife Ordinance - #19 on PLUM agenda of 6.20.23

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The recommendations put forward by Council Districts 4 & 5 track with the last draft of the ordinance that the Los Angeles City Planning Department proposed last year, and we know from participating in this years-long process that this plan is workable, as well as being the most protective of wildlife corridors that can possibly move forward now.

Please support the recommendations of CDs 4 & 5, and then vote "yes" to adopt this important ordinance. Passage of such an ordinance would be the best possible outcome for what we believe the majority of citizens in Los Angeles want – to protect our wild animals and their habitat to the greatest extent we possibly can.

Thank you for your service on the PLUM Committee of the Los Angeles City Council, and we appreciate in advance your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marcía Hanscom

Marcia Hanscom Community Organizer **Defend Ballona Wetlands!** (310) 877-2634

Communication from Public

Name: Lawrence Lincoln

Date Submitted: 11/15/2024 04:05 PM

Council File No: 14-0518

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council and Mayor, I am attaching the petition in

support of wildlife corridors ordinance signed by over 400 people.

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SAVE FUTURE P-22's: TELL LA CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE WILDLIFE ORDINANCE NOW!

Started

February 4, 2023

413

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- Lawrence Lincoln signed this petition
- John Monsen signed 7 hours ago
- teresa lake signed 20 hours ago

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Why this petition matters



Started by Lawrence Lincoln

Our beloved Hollywood Mountain Lion, P-22, dodged cars, avoided rodenticide and managed to survive in LA's urban jungle for a decade before old age, ill health and the rest caught up with him. He died several weeks ago and we are all mourning his tragic loss.

But we must not let his passing be in vain. The enormous turn out for the celebration of his life, which apparently even crashed Ticketmaster, shows how much the City of Angels loved their cougar. Congressman Adam Schiff's suggestion of a postage stamp is great, but we can do something that actually, really protects our wildlife going forward.

There is something very important you can do right now to protect all the other mountain lions living quietly in and around the Santa Monica mountain, as well as all the other wildlife we share our urban city with. It's not just about building bridges across freeways, it's about actively protecting our hillside areas. The Los Angeles City Council has brought forward a groundbreaking ordinance to protect the hillsides from overdevelopment in our most urban of cities. That means, if you are building a new house, you should leave a little extra room around your property for wildlife to pass, particularly if you are situated in a known wildlife area. It's simple, it protects our quality of life in the hillsides and canyons (I live in Laurel Canyon), and, best of all, homes near wildlife preserves generally always increase in value. It's a win-win-win all across the board.

A version of the ordinance weakened by political deal-making was approved by the Los Angeles Planning Commission this past December 2022, now we need to push hard to get the City Council to re-strengthen the ordinance, bring it to Planning committee as soon as possible, and get the whole City Council to approve it and Mayor Bass to sign it.

So, right now, while you're thinking about it:

- 1) Please sign the petition below calling on the Los Angeles City Council, especially Councilwomen Nithya Raman and Katy Yaroslavsky, to strengthen the wildlife ordinance back to an earlier version, and, most urgently, tell the City Council to approve this ordinance NOW!
- 2) Also, please sign the Center for Biological Diversity's excellent action alert which will send emails directly to the Los Angeles City Council.

support. Letters are already in there if you need samples. Demand the City Council strengthen the ordinance back the way it was.

- 4) Sign up on on the CLAW (Citizens for LA Wildlife) website to get updates and actions you can take.
- 5) Sign up here on the LA City Planning page to receive updates on the ordinance.

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237	Monica Riedler	Washington				Austria
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_	Shari Ranger	Ashland	ОН		44805	
_	Gerald Hallead	Traverse City	MI		49686	
-	Andréa Branco	Sao Paulo	200			Brazil
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	Nestor Berazategui	Maipú			5515	Argentina
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-	Lauri Kamiel	Thousand Oaks	CA		91362	
_	Frances Mackiewicz	Beachwood	NJ		8722	
_	Rachel Bunt	Madeira Park		VON 2H		Canada
-	Lanny Toy	Alhambra	CA		91801	
-	Patricia Huff	South Pasadena	CA		91030	
_	Dominique Antoniaza					France
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-	Freya Harris	Atlanta	GA		30342	
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_	Luc Beaulieu	Montréal		H3G	52501	Canada
-	Paata Kekutia	Batumi		1130	6000	Georgia
_	NADINE GORGES	TULLINS	SC		38210	10.00
-	Tom McElvain	Pasadena	CA		91107	
	kathi king	moline	IL		61265	
-	Ellen Pasternack	Santa Barbara	CA		93101	
	isabelle duvivier	Santa Monica	CA		90405	
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	Deborah Bird	Los Angeles	CA		90071	100000
_	Dawn L	Pottsville	PA		17901	

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77 Barry Camp	ion Santa Monica	CA		90405	US
78 Dan De Yo	Yorba Linda			92886	US
79 Jeanne Bro	oks London	OR		97759	US
80 Erin Gaffan	ey Brooklyn Center			55429	US
81 Rafi Ibrahin	n Cohoes			12047	US
82 Amy DeBau	ch Gillett			54124	US
83 debbie lopr	ete staten island			10306	US
84 Amy Miche	le Peachtree City			30269	US
85 Logan McC	ormack San Antonio			78223	US
86 Aileen Glyn	n Bronx			10463	US
87 Kentona Sh	ipp				US
88 ANGELA DE	MPSTER New Rochelle	NY		10801	US
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-	Betsy Hunter	Los Angeles	CA	90020	US
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326	heidi mylo	Los Angeles	CA	90009	US
327	Jay Strehlow	Phoenix		85007	US
328	dani paolucci	TR		5100	Italy
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332	Larry Ladd	Chico		95928	US
333	Paola Torres	Los Angeles		90033	US
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337	Hugh KENNY	LOS ANGELES	CA	90039	
338	Diana Rodriguez	Kanab	UT	84741	
339	Miriam Ranney	Los Angeles	CA	90006	
340	Jeanne Eddy	Myrtle Creek	OR	97457	US
341	Colby Allerton	Redondo Beach	CA	90277	US
342	ava falah	lahijan			Iran
343	G. Diane Matthews-M	Carson		90746	US
344	Sarah Earl	Lansdale	PA	19446	US
345	Anastasia Walker	Street		21154	
346	John Vangelisti	Los Angeles	CA	90012	
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348	Rachel Canon	Woodland Hills	CA	91364	
349	Jodi Igard	Studio City	CA	91607	US
350	Loretta Ramos	Los Angeles	CA	90006	
351	Jesseca Harvey	Los Angeles	CA	90038	US
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355	Anna Laidler	East Stroudsburg		18301	US
356	Elaina Dowell	Saint Johns		48879	
357	Anthony Scrimenti	Guilderland		12084	
358	Skeleton Key	Los Angeles	CA		US
359	Dancing Ass	AGEO CACHETTONIANO	CA		US
360	James Rice	Acworth	GA	30102	US
361	Joline Sattarelle	Poland	ОН	44514	
362	Brian Haig	Los Angeles	CA	90060	
	Hunter Dunn	Pasadena	CA	91107	
364	Charli Rou	Los Angeles	CA	90066	
365	Rhonda Plank-Richard	46	CA	90006	
	Kiersten Cluster	Los Angeles	CA		US
367	Riley Haythorn	Inglewood	CA	90305	
_	Wendy Katagi	Palos Verdes Estates	CA	90274	

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	Daniel Stockel	Los Angeles	CA	90009 US
_	jessie schiewe	Los Angeles	CA	90041 US
	Rhiannon Mulkerrins	Staten Island		10309 US
372	Nicolle Ruiz	Panama City		32405 US
373	Carro Reyes	San Diego		92105 US
374	Cassandra Rosales	Long Beach		90813 US
375	Aileen Milliman	Long Beach	CA	90802 US
376	Tiffany Adorno	Encino	CA	91436 US
377	Gordon Poston	Kingstree		29556 US
378	Andrew Florez	Flushing		11367 US
379	DHAVAL PATEL			US
380	Talycia Crawford	Detroit		48238 US
381	nereyda hernandez	Goodyear		85338 US
382	G. M.	New Bern		28560 US
383	Priya Gupta	14708 NE 13th Ct V	ancouver	98685 US
384	Rudy Martinez	Alhambra	CA	91803 US
385	Salma Valenzuela	Mission Viejo	CA	92691 US
386	Terri Middlemiss	Inyokern	CA	93527 US
387	Remy Baruch	Los Angeles	CA	90046 US
388	Tessa Charnofsky	Canoga Park	CA	91303 US
389	Jane Bicek	San Jose	CA	95127 US
390	Andrea Sosa	San Pablo	CA	94806 US
391	Nancy Larsen	Danville	CA	94506 US
392	Tom Maendle	San Rafael	CA	94901 US
393	Stacey Sklute	Los Angeles	CA	90034 US
394	Divya Nagendran	Aurora		60505 US
395	Brandi L	Bowie		20716 US
396	The Glee Club			US
397	Andrew Floyd			US
398	Abid Amiri	Washington		20307 US
399	Elena Thornton	Chattanooga		37412 US
400	anna kurihara	north hollywood	CA	91605 US
401	Pitagord Lucien	Miami		33164 US
402	Isabelle Johnson	Lincoln		68523 US
403	Rita Thio	Walnut	CA	91789 US
404	Etc Foreigners	Summerville		29485 US
405	Georgia O'Connell			US
406	ray ross	Ridgefield Park		7660 US
407	Kym Heller	Tampa	FL	33615 US
408	Priscilla Rouse	Bristol		37620 US
409	Ivy McCourt	Morgantown		26301 US
410	Carlos Alfonso	Vero Beach		32963 US
411	Andria Califf	Poway	CA	92064 US
412	teresa lake	klamath falls	OR	97603 US
413	Shelton Hardy	Denver		80230 US
414	John Monsen	Laguna Woods	CA	92637 US