

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Lasken

**Date Submitted:** 11/19/2024 11:43 AM

**Council File No:** 14-0518

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident within the Wildlife Ordinance Pilot Zone, and I urge the council to move this motion forward as a priority. Given the incoming Federal administration's positions, it is clear that the only progress towards environmental protection in the next four years is going to have to be made on local levels. I find it appalling that in the face of impending ecological disaster, the PLUM hearing for this ordinance is being postponed, particularly seeing as how this ordinance already passed through a full council vote, and no substantive changes have been made since that time. Let's pass this quickly so we don't continue to lose critical habitat in the interim. Andrew Lasken Sherman Oaks

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**Name:** Yael Pardess

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I fully support the Wildlife Ordinance with NO FURTHER changes. - Throughout this process, more than 62,000 notices were sent to local properties, and countless hours were dedicated to listening to community voices and refining the ordinance. - The City Council File shows more than 100 pages of wildlife, ecologists and environmental scientists in addition to hillside residents and Neighborhood Councils in support of the ordinance. - In that time (a decade), countless new properties have been authorized threatening miles of wildlife connections, wildfire defensibility, and further threatening hillside stability. It is time to put the pencil down and support this important and necessary ordinance. - The eastern Santa Monica Mountains are a biodiversity hotspot, but this crucial natural resource is under threat, particularly from urban development. The Wildlife Ordinance is an important step towards protecting this biodiversity, via simple and common sense measures. - Over 80% of residents in the Wildlife Ordinance Pilot Area voted YES on Measure H, which supports local open space preservation funded by these voters' own property taxes. Environmental protection is a clear priority not just for these residents, but for all Angelenos. Further- This Ordinance MUST apply to all the North East areas - we have dwindling precious corridors that are disappearing daily with the onslaught of hillside construction and destruction of wildlife habitat and native trees.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Endangered Habitats League respectfully supports the ordinance and asks for its passage. For your reference, Endangered Habitats League is a southern California regional conservation group dedicated to ecosystem protection and sustainable land use. Providing wildlife corridors within hillside development areas epitomizes the concept of sustainability. We can certainly do this much to allow wildlife to survive. The ordinance has been carefully crafted and revised, and is now in a form ready for approval. Thank you.