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The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

PROPOSED WILDLIFE ORDINANCE AND ZONE CHANGE ORDINANCE TO APPLY THE WILDLIFE SUPPLEMENTAL USE DISTRICT; CF 14-0518

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 551 and 558 of the City Charter, transmitted herewith is the December 8, 2022 action of the City Planning Commission recommending approval of the proposed Wildlife Ordinance and the zone change ordinance to apply the Wildlife District to properties in the Santa Monica Mountains.

The City Planning Commission, as evidenced by the attached Findings, has determined that the proposed Wildlife Ordinance is in conformity with the City's General Plan and with public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice.

The Wildlife Ordinance aims to reduce cumulative development impacts on plants, animals and natural resources while providing co-benefits related to climate resilience and public health. The Ordinance proposes development standards for lot coverage, floor area, grading and height limitations and as well as native landscaping/trees, fence, trash enclosure, window and lighting requirements. The Ordinance includes regulations that apply to private properties within a Wildlife District, including additional discretionary review where lots contain/adjacent to natural resources, such as waterways and open space. The Ordinance details regulations and procedures for project review and includes a map identifying lots subject to natural resource provisions.

The proposed Wildlife Ordinance and accompanying documents are submitted to you for your consideration as specified by Section 12.32 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council:

1. Find, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project (Proposed Ordinance) is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15307 (Class 7), 15308 (Class 8), that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Concur in the attached action of the City Planning Commission relative to its recommended approval of the proposed Wildlife Ordinance;
3. Adopt the Findings of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission as the Findings of the City Council;
4. Adopt the proposed Wildlife Ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 12.04, 12.32, 13.21, 13.22, and 16.05 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish a Wildlife Supplemental Use District;
5. Adopt the Proposed Zone Change Ordinance, applying the Wildlife Supplemental Use District Zone (WLD) to the zones of those parcels lying within the project boundaries identified in the proposed Ordinance Map;
6. Request the City Attorney, in coordination with the Planning Department, to transmit the final Wildlife Ordinance reviewed as to form and legality.

Sincerely,

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