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Dear Members:

Property owners are not opposed to good policy for promoting wildlife and open space protection. However, these new regulations:

Do not work to preserve large open spaces.

They don't create corridors between these open spaces that are as free from potential human contact as possible.

They do very few things that are actually good for wildlife.

This ordinance will gravely affect small property owners, not the mega-mansion developers they are claiming to be going after.

This set of regulations sets the City on a direct path toward confrontation with the state.

This is down-zone plain and simple and thus will run afoul with State law—including CEQA, HAA, and other rules regarding zoning.

This will end up tying the city up in lawsuit knots- for no reason.

It will make our housing shortage worse and will cause more population outflow.

All this and without truly helping wildlife in the region.

Due process—this ordinance has been pushed by bureaucratic insiders.

It has yet to be fully vetted or even discussed in an open and honest way.

Most people in the hills still don't realize what is happening.

There have been no major studies on the environmental, economic, and housing impacts of this ordinance.

There has been no effort made to track down who will be negatively impacted—and how badly.

This ordinance continues to be shuttled around the back hallways of City Hall without being truly and openly debated.

We ask the PLUM Committee to send this ordinance back to the planning department to be fully vetted

To have the parts of the rules removed that don't directly help wildlife.

To expand those elements that truly help our wildlife.

To formally designating our open areas.

To plot out how to connect these habitats and corridors in a way that keeps wildlife out of harm's way.

To make the efforts that true wildlife experts have suggested will help LA maintain its unique and wonderful access to nature.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Cooperman, M.D.