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Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 10:13 AM

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Date: Mon, 19 Jun 2023 18:54:02 -0700

Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Fwd: Citizens Up in Arms

Please take note of this input. Thank you. See below.

Diane Lander-Simon

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Diane Lander-Simon <dlandersimon@icloud.com>**Date:** June 19, 2023 at 5:45:12 PM PDT**To:** kevin.keller@lacity.org, jarrett.thompson@lacity.org, jenelle.henderson@lacity.org, Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, cityatty.help@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, cd10@lacity.org, Nithya Raman CD4 Najeeba Syeed COS <councilmember.raman@lacity.org>, councilmember.lee@lacity.org**Cc:** yanaspace@gmail.com**Subject:** Citizens Up in Arms

Greetings All,

I do the Neighborhood Watch for Curson & Wattles and I am getting a tsunami of messages protesting the new Wildlife Ordinance that you are reviewing at your secret meeting on June 20th. I had been following this issue and sharing info but had received no recent updates.

Now I see what you have in mind and I withdraw my support entirely. How did you go so far off the rails with this? If our homes burn down now we can't rebuild? Are you crazy? Where is the tax money for our schools going to come from if we can't rebuild our homes?

Do you people sit up at night trying to find ways to punish and thwart us. Bad enough you don't clear the brush, you don't fix the sidewalks, you don't keep us safe from crime, you don't enforce your own party house rules or help us in any fashion but instead you go out of your way to harm us with these teapot plans you come up with from your research paper in grad school. It is really too much.

Stop this foolishness. I look forward to defeating you in the next election. And to investigating all your contacts and all your finances in the meantime. Let me guess you're working with Curran Price on this abomination. We will sue if you pursue this.

Regretfully yours,

Diane Lander-Simon (she/her)

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Date: Mon, 19 Jun 2023 22:58:45 +0000 (UTC)

Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Wildlife Ordinance

My wife and I own a home in Laurel Canyon. We support sensible wildlife and open space protection and have frequently contributed to the Laurel Canyon Conservancy's efforts to acquire preservation land. We do not, however, support the proposed Wildlife Ordinance. The ordinance, like all overreaching "one-size fits all" policies, hurts homeowners, does not help wildlife, and helps developers. The current draconian reductions on home size, along with the other problems with the Ridgeline Ordinance, together with the fact that nothing ever seems to be done in the open and with proper process, require that the ordinance be scrapped or, at the very least, significantly redrafted with real transparency and input from the public.

The most recently proposed regulations with restrictions of 50% or more in allowable square footage, like the other aspects of the Wildlife and Ridgeline Ordinances, destroy our property values, make owning our homes much more expensive, and hurt our ability to sell and finance our homes and our ability to obtain insurance. Things like second story and roof line restrictions have nothing at all to do with wildlife or their corridors. Homes that have been there for decades would not be able to be rebuilt in the event of a fire or even as they age and need renovation. Worst of all, these regulations do not benefit our wildlife.

In addition to the fact that the substance of the proposal is detrimental, the process has been abused in forcing this policy on the residents. Hearings occur with inadequate notice. Letters and recommendations appear out of nowhere with no input from the public and those actually impacted by the proposals. No serious studies have been conducted to determine the real environmental, economic and quality of life effects of the proposals. It seems that some officeholders and insiders have decided that they want this policy and are pushing it forward without proper thought, study, and public debate and comment. If the supports of these regulations are so convinced that they are truly beneficial and good for us, then they should not be using private discussions, back channels and obfuscation to get them enacted. Is it too much to ask that any policy, particularly one with such serious consequences as this one, be subject to due process and sound reasoning?

Please bring this out of the dark and into the light and sent this matter back to the planning department for further and real study; to assess the parts of the regulations that make sense and truly help wildlife without destroying the single biggest investment most of us ever have in our lives.

Thank you.

Richard E. Walden

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Date: Mon, 19 Jun 2023 18:30:38 -0400

Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Wildlife Ordinance - No to another City led land grab  
To our Public Servants,

Yes again, another outrageous attempt at back door legislation to take away land owner's rights with little or no warning.

- No real studies on how this will actually impact wildlife.
- LA Animal Services, the proper City organization to discuss wildlife wasn't ever consulted.
- Most stakeholders weren't informed of Tuesday's meeting until late last week. Sneaky, sneaky, sneaky.
- Attempting to reduce the value of nearly every property in the hills with a stroke of the pen.

- Trying to have the one and only public meeting during the summer break when so many hillside families are on holiday and out of town, and therefore can't be present to plead their case.

Do not allow Tuesday's obvious injustice to sneak this poorly designed and illegal ordinance to move forward without the proper public vetting.

Respectfully,  
Jeremy Gardiner  
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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Fwd: CALL TO ACTION Wildlife Ordinance Meeting on June 20th  
Stop harassing property owners in LA and taking away their property right.

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From: **LA Land Man | Shawn Kormondy** <[info@skorreg.com](mailto:info@skorreg.com)>

Date: Mon, Jun 19, 2023 at 6:03 AM

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specifically asked about the hearing this past Monday...AND...insiders, such as members of the Hillside Federation, have known about this upcoming hearing for at least a week!

It's time to get into action! Over the next few days, we each need to set aside 10-30 mins of our time to contact the PLUM committee members and our councilwomen. We are supportive of the measures in the ordinance that are directly related to properly protecting wildlife, but **reducing people's buildable size by 50% is an outrageous downzoning, extremely financially harmful and completely unnecessary.**

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1. Email & call the PLUM committee members, your Councilmember, City Attorney and any other city official contacts you have. Contact information is below. Let them know you would like them to remove the Wildlife Ordinance from their June 20th meeting agenda until proper outreach has been conducted with their constituents, not activist groups that endorsed their campaigns. Get those calls in today! Send emails over the weekend! Call again on Monday! Your voice matters!

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PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 2:00 PM

JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER

ROOM 340, CITY HALL

200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

**The Committee will take public comment from members of the public in person only; there will be no public comment by teleconference.**

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Although we are rushed, we have to work with what we have, so start typing and dialing like your home depends on it!

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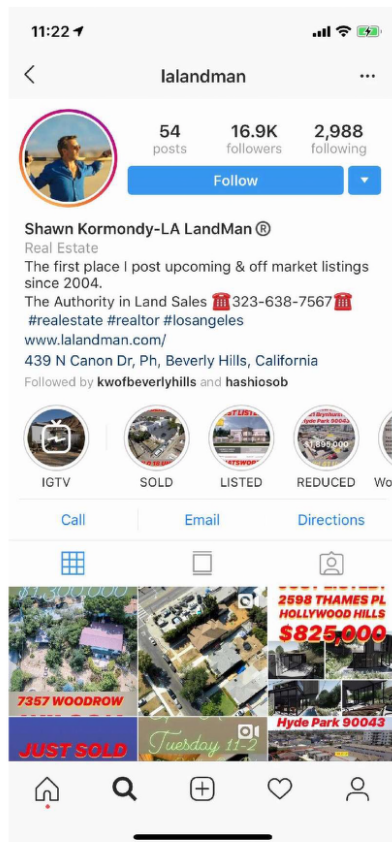
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If you need additional information please reply to this email.

See below for the Ordinance;

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Date: Mon, 19 Jun 2023 13:03:24 -0700

Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Wildlife Ordinance: 3593 Multiview Drive, LA 90068

Hi

I have a 5 acre property that I'm going to build a single family home. I purchased the land in May of 2020.

The Mulholland Review Board was delayed due to Covid so this process took longer than expected (2 years for approval)

Planning has been extremely unhelpful and every 3 months we get a new planner assigned to the case. I've been dealing with planning for over 2 years. What can be done to secure my rights as it sure feels as though planning is purposely delaying my project so we fall under the new wildlife ordinance.

Thanks

Gavin Brodin

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**GAVIN BRODIN**

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Date: Mon, 19 Jun 2023 14:29:29 -0700

Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Wildlife Pilot Support from LCLT - CF#14-0518

Please see the attached letter in strong support of the Wildlife Ordinance.

Regards,

Jamie T. Hall

**Laurel Canyon Land Trust**

President

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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Fwd: CALL TO ACTION Wildlife Ordinance Meeting on June 20th

Hi LA City Leaders,



As a lifelong resident who was born at UCLA in 1980, I am scared of this new proposal that will drag the city down a dark path of investment flight, a lower available city fiscal budget and even more extreme homelessness.

At a time when housing shortages are in all of the news stories, 2 councilmembers are looking for ways to hurt the property owners and developers of the city.

Like many other issues recently, trying to rashly adjust one problem many times only leads to a host of other problems.

This plan on the new wildlife ordinances brings very little benefit but causes great harm to the communities that it's claiming to help.

The tax paying property owners who fund these ideas are directly affected financially by these half baked ideas and threaten their investments and retirement savings.

The trickle down affect ends up being that these property owners will have less funds to contribute to extra housing for the poor, less tax revenue for the city and overall less ability to hire and help those in need.

Remember the old quote of "high tide lifts all boats" while also understanding the opposite of a low tide lowers all boats.

Please don't bring a low tide to the city's housing and real estate needs. We know you mean well. Unfortunately some of the best intentions go horribly wrong.

Please save our city from this potential downfall.

And yes, we are stake holders who can promise you that the potential consequences of this proposal will be dire.

This will cost a lot of money to a lot of people and also put a lot of developers who are currently interested in building affordable housing in a different mind set where their investments will go elsewhere.

We are asking the city not to shoot itself in the foot...

Not to mention, according to state law this whole idea is illegal to begin with. Please don't bog the city down in a costly and lengthy legal fight over something that hardly any real stakeholder wants.

It's not good for the homeless, home owners, construction workers with supporting businesses, and anyone else who wants to live on a thriving city.

Many of those people need the city's support but unfortunately if this passes the city will have less revenue from permits, material sales, wage taxes, professional services taxes, lunch time restaurant revenue loss, less beds for people to sleep on and many more...

This proposal will have the UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE of hurting all of these people as well. Is that something that the council really wants to take credit for (especially considering how the writers strike is hurting people not even in the film industry but a support business).

When debating this proposal all I ask is you to keep in mind all of the SUBSTANTIAL UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES this law will have.

Please think of all of the people of city and not just a limited few squeaky wheels...

There are a lot more points to be addressed but I will keep this email brief. Please just know, in the end this proposal will do more overall harm than good to the city by more than a factor of 10!

I'm sure nobody wants to be associated with those type of terrible numbers.

Thank you for taking the time to read our concerns - I hope you make the helpful choice for your constituents and currently the great city of Los Angeles...

Paul

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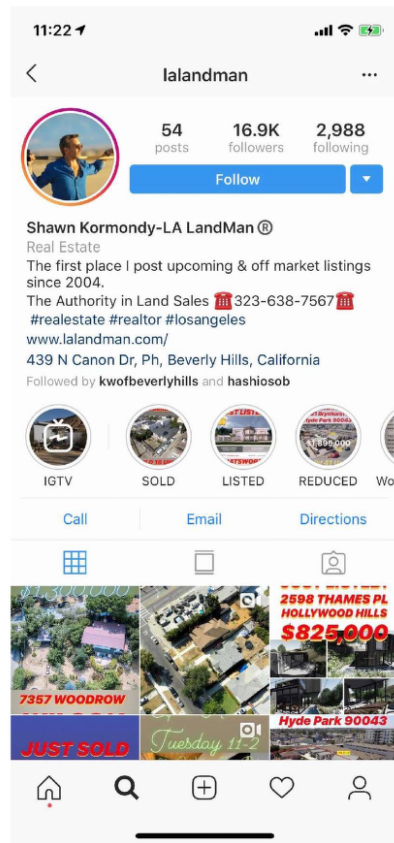
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Date: Mon, 19 Jun 2023 09:42:43 -0700

Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded STOP THE NEARLY 50% OR MORE REDUCTION IN ALLOWABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE

Hi,

I'm writing to voice my and many others' opposition to [THE PROPOSED DRAFT WILDLIFE ORDINANCE \(CF 14-0518\)](#). We are supportive of the measures in the ordinance that are directly related to properly protecting wildlife, but reducing people's buildable size by 50% is an outrageous downzoning, extremely financially harmful and completely unnecessary.

1. 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. In fact 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.
2. This set of regulations sets the City in a direct path towards confrontation within 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. It will end up tying the city up in lawsuit knots- for no reason. It will make our housing shortage worse. It will cause more population outflows. And without truly helping wildlife in the region.
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4. We ask the PLUM Committee 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 and to expand those elements that truly help our wildlife —by 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 (i.e. away from people), and efforts that true wildlife experts have suggested will help LA maintain its unique and wonderful access to nature.

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Date: Mon, 19 Jun 2023 16:05:24 +0200

Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Wildlife Ordinance Draft (CF 14-0518) PLUM Committee Meeting June 20, 2023 Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am a resident of the Bel Air community which will be directly affected extremely adversely by the current draft of the Wildlife Ordinance and would be even more adversely affected by the revisions proposed by Councilwomen Yaroslavsky and Raman.

I respectfully urge and request the PLUM Commission to remove this item from the June 20 agenda and send it back to the planning department to be fully vetted, particularly with regard to the Councilwomen's proposed further restrictions.

Fundamentally, this Ordinance amounts to a "taking" by the City of significant portions of our property without any showing of a compelling public interest, compensation to its enters for loss of their property or any level of due process. The further adjustments proposed by the Councilwomen exacerbate this since they made their proposal without notifying or polling constituents, public notice , etc. - all at the last minute and basically in the dark of night. These revisions deserve far more public opportunity for discussion and review than one single PLUM meeting that requires citizens to

show up in person - on 3 days notice - 2 of those being weekend days. It's shocking they dare to do this when this ordinance has been under consideration for years.

While residents fully support protecting wildlife and minimizing human/wildlife close encounters, as well as addressing adverse climate change, there has not been a single study or report conducted and presented to the public showing that the draconian measures of this ordinance would result in any effective change. In fact, many aspects of the ordinance may actually result in increased wildfire risk and unintended environmental impacts.

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reflects the knee jerk one size fits all approach of the Ordinance and contributes to this amounting to a taking of property.

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Renée E. Becnel

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Date: Sat, 17 Jun 2023 17:21:04 -0700 (PDT)

Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded WILDLIFE ORDINANCE

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.*

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*All this and without truly helping wildlife in the region.*

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Sincerely,

***Ronald S. Cooperman, M.D.***

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

June 19, 2023

**VIA PUBLIC COMMENT PORTAL**

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

**Re: Support for Wildlife Ordinance; (Council File #14-0518)**

Dear Chair Councilmember Harris-Dawson and PLUM Committee Members:

The Laurel Canyon Association (“LCA”) is happy to strongly support the Wildlife Ordinance (“Ordinance”). It goes without saying that climate change and human encroachment into the natural environment poses an immediate and extreme threat to Los Angeles and the planet at large. Los Angeles City Council members, PLUM Committee members, and many other leaders of this city have emphasized their commitment to shaping Los Angeles into an environmentally aware and friendly city. However, this commitment must also be accompanied by actions. If Los Angeles is to be a leader in the fight against climate change, it is imperative that this Ordinance be adopted without delay.

LCA believes that the Ordinance, equipped with the modifications proposed by staff and the further revisions proposed in this letter, would ensure a more equitable balance between the residents of Los Angeles and the habitat in which they live. LCA offers the following comments:

**Comments on Proposed Revisions to Ordinance**

- Open Space Definition: We support the inclusion of city owned parcels as open space. It is important that the definition of open space includes city owned vacant parcels because it improves the protections granted by the city over these parcels, which are more than just vacant lots. They are often home to vibrant and delicate ecosystems, which require equal protection as parks, beaches, and other more obvious natural habitats. If

city owned vacant areas were not designated as open space, it would allow development within 25 feet of these City-owned lots without ever triggering Site Plan Review. This would directly result in significant habitat loss.

- Closing Basement Loophole: LCA strongly supports the provisions of the Ordinance that include basements in a home's RFA calculation. For too long developers have been able to "supersize" a home (causing significant habitat displacement) by creating massive unnecessary basements. This loophole in the BHO (which is harmful to wildlife and flora) should be closed.
- Biological Resource Assessments: LCA believes that Biological Resource Assessments should be made publicly available online as well as peer reviewed to ensure they are accurate and complete.
- Site Plan Review Threshold: The Ordinance proposes a threshold of 7,500 square feet of Residential Floor Area to trigger Site Plan Review. LCA suggests that the threshold be reduced to 3,500. A 7,500 square foot home is far too large for Laurel Canyon. Houses of this size are rare and uncommon. We have many small, substandard lots in Laurel Canyon. Yet, even smaller homes can have a significant impact on wildlife and native woodlands.
- Overall Height Limitation: LCA strongly supports the addition of the "overall height" limitation. Homes that cascade down a hillside with unlimited height displace valuable habitat.
- Significant Trees: LCA is in strong support of the provisions that require replacement of significant trees. Large, mature trees, regardless of species, play an essential role in the survival of wildlife.

### **Further Suggested Revisions**

LCA believes that the current draft of the Ordinance has room for improvement and offers the following suggested revisions:

#### **Addition of "Habitat Triggers" for Site Plan Review**

The Ordinance has not successfully achieved ensuring that projects most likely to result in substantial loss to wildlife habitat are subjected to Site Plan Review - where a more focused, site-specific analysis can be undertaken to ensure that landform alteration is minimized, impacts to biotic resources reduced and project modifications considered. We are therefore



requesting the addition of “habitat triggers” for Site Plan Review.

Currently, there are only three triggers for Site Plan Review in the Ordinance, which include the following: (1) 1,000 cubic yards or more of remedial grading, (2) homes of 7500 square feet or larger and (3) building within a Wildlife Resource or buffer. Unfortunately, Site Plan Review will not be triggered for many projects that result in significant habitat loss. This is because the City has too narrowly defined “Wildlife Resource” to include only zoned or protected open space and water resources. Development can occur via this Ordinance that will result in significant habitat loss to protected species and native woodlands without ever triggering Site Plan Review. This is a problem. Substantial swaths of high-value habitat exist on large, undeveloped lots in the Pilot Study Area and we strongly contend that the development of these lots should be subject to Site Plan Review.

We are suggesting four potential “habitat triggers.” They include:

- Placement of lot in a Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (“SMMC”) mapped “habitat block”
- Presence of National Park Service (“NPS”) mapped native woodlands
- Presence of “habitat for protected species” per Govt Code Section 65913.4(a)(6)(J)(4)
- Proposed removal of 3 or more protected or significant trees

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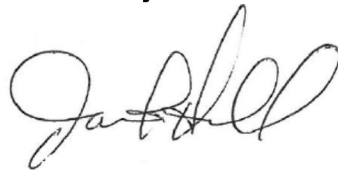
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### Conclusion

LCA believes that passing the Wildlife Ordinance with the modifications proposed by staff and the revisions proposed in this letter is a crucial step towards improved environmental responsibility that must be taken immediately. It will afford greater protections to the habitats to which we are obligated to care for and will grant credibility to the city leadership which campaigns on making Los Angeles a leader in environmental awareness and conservation.

I may be contacted at 310-380-0845 or at [jhall@laurelcanyon.org](mailto:jhall@laurelcanyon.org) if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,



Jamie T. Hall  
Laurel Canyon Association  
President

### About Us

LCA is a neighborhood association serving the area of the Hollywood Hills known as "Laurel Canyon," one the most beautiful and environmentally important areas of Los Angeles. The hills in Laurel Canyon provide a scenic backdrop for the rest of Los Angeles. Further Laurel Canyon's forested valleys and chaparral-draped hillsides offer habit for native wildlife. Laurel Canyon also is home to a watershed and greenbelt for the vastly developed plains of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. LCA was founded for the express purpose of preserving and improving the quality of life in Laurel Canyon. The goal of our community group is to promote the welfare of the residents of Laurel Canyon and to maintain the quality of life in the Hollywood Hills, by preserving its residential character, its quiet, privacy, natural beauty and safety. Moreover, LCA endeavors to encourage cooperation among all residents and to educate appropriate governmental bodies concerning changes in existing or proposed laws affecting Laurel Canyon or in anything that affects the local community.



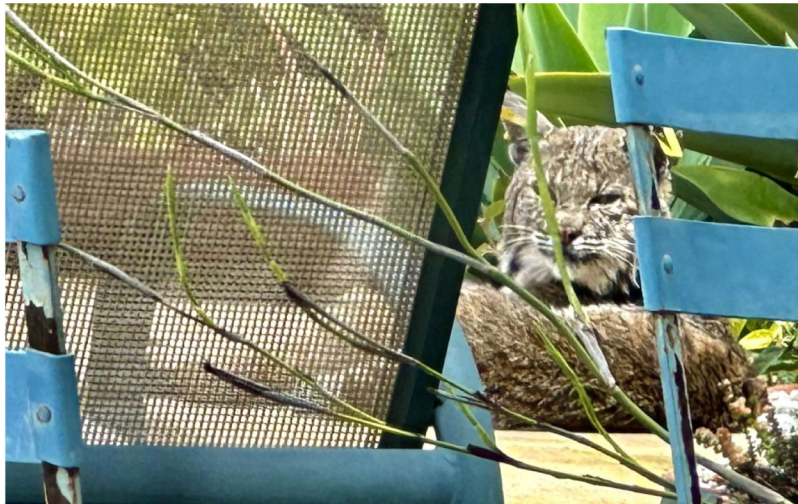
Juneteenth, 2023

Planning & Land Use Committee  
L.A. City Council  
200 N. Spring St, Rm 450  
L.A., CA 90012

**Re. Wildlife Pilot Ordinance, CF#14-0518 - BASPOA SUPPORTS IMMEDIATE PASSAGE,**  
**along with inclusion of CMs Raman & Yaroslavsky's & former CM Koretz's**  
**recommendations AND the addition of "WOODLANDS" to the list of Environmental**  
**Resources that will trigger Site Plan Review**

To the Honorable Chair Marqueece Harris-Dawson and PLUM Committee Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association (BASPOA) to urge your support for the Pilot Wildlife Ordinance. Bel Air Skycrest is located just off the Mulholland Scenic Parkway, one mile west of the 405 freeway. Our residents experience, on a daily basis, what it means to live in the wildland-urban interface. We feel awe and honor and a profound sense of responsibility toward the extraordinary array of wildlife with whom we share these hills. For example, over the past several months many of our community's backyards along the perimeter of Mission Canyon have been visited by this amazing creature....





Unfortunately, overdevelopment and accelerating climate change have taken and continue to take a terrible toll on the wilderness that walks among us and on the rapidly dwindling open space and native habitat this beautiful bobcat and its cohorts need to survive. That big radio collar and the ear tags are great, but without this ordinance we're going to lose the wildlife. It's that simple.

BASPOA supports the Pilot Wildlife Ordinance, and we urge your committee to act now to give it the final push it needs. Additionally, in order to ensure that it will be *a strong and truly effective ordinance*, we ask that you:

1. include the improvements recommended by Councilmembers Raman and Yaroslavsky
2. revert to the 50-foot Open Space Buffer recommended by former Councilmember Koretz
3. add "woodlands" to the list of environmental resources that trigger site plan review

BASPOA looks forward to a day not too far distant when the Wildlife Ordinance will be more than just a "pilot study" and will in fact be expanded to include our own area west of the 405. So please don't let there be any more delays or dilutions. We need this ordinance to go into effect now, and we need it to be **STRONG**.

The biodiversity of our Santa Monica Mountains should be a cause for great civic pride. Preserving it is necessary not only for the survival of wildlife but for the physical, psychological, and spiritual health and well-being of all Angelenos across this great city. It is a tremendous asset, a unique source of wonder and balance and a direct connection to the rejuvenating power of nature in an increasingly stressed, diminished, unnatural world. Wilderness will nourish us, but we in turn must do our part to protect it. Only then can we all survive – thrive – and reach our full potential – together.

Lois Becker, BASPOA Community Liaison





### **The Tyger**

**Tyger Tyger, burning bright,  
In the forests of the night;  
What immortal hand or eye,  
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?**

**In what distant deeps or skies.  
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?  
On what wings dare he aspire?  
What the hand, dare seize the fire?**

**And what shoulder, & what art,  
Could twist the sinews of thy heart?  
And when thy heart began to beat,  
What dread hand? & what dread feet?**

**What the hammer? what the chain,  
In what furnace was thy brain?  
What the anvil? what dread grasp,  
Dare its deadly terrors clasp!**

**When the stars threw down their spears  
And water'd heaven with their tears:  
Did he smile his work to see?  
Did he who made the Lamb make thee?**

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In the forests of the night:  
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**William Blake, 1794**