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Message: The wildlife and ecosystems that contain the diverse and precious fauna and flora of Los Angeles, depend upon us as thinking and rational beings to plan a future that includes keeping them safe. We know that there is a housing shortage, sky rocketing rent, and development must occur to meet the demands of an ever- growing market. This growth must be planned calmly, with intelligent choices that consider ecology, biology, limnology, hydrology, and many other fields of scientific understanding to ensure that the ecosystems that exist, and the underlying structures of these ecosystems remain intact. Habitat fragmentation is a huge threat to animals that depend upon corridors to get from one wilderness area to the other, for food, reproduction, and water. Habitat fragmentation occurs when sprawling development divides a previously uninterrupted space of land into patches of land with roads, houses, fences, and gates preventing crossing from one patch to another. Development in already expensive neighborhoods such as Bel Air, does little to help the housing crises and does great harm to the Santa Monica Panther Population, and many other forms of wildlife that have been living where the developers seek to build. We need to build vertically, improve public transportation, and increase population density, to assure that space is left for the ecosystems we develop within stay healthy. Ground water pollution is also a big issue for development and this threatens everybody. From an anthropomorphic stance, I need these ecosystems to stay intact for my sanity. The walk in the hills, the sound of the birds, the sight of a deer, a hawk, the knowledge that there are bobcats, panthers, and rare butterflies around me, these things make life in the city bearable. Without them I would not have this outlet for my soul, my spirit, to reunite with the rhythm of nature which shows me continually time and time again that I am just a small piece of something much more magnificent, I am a part of nature, and nature must protect itself. Thank You.

(Sent via [Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife](#))