



May 10, 2019

The Honorable Councilmember Mike Bonin, CD 11
7166 W. Manchester Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Re: Please Prioritize Funding for Proposed Wildlife Corridor Ordinance!

Dear Councilman Bonin:

I am writing to you, as the council member for Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association (BASPOA) and as a member of the LA City Council Budget and Finance Committee, to urge you to prioritize funding for the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance.

As constituents we respect that issues such as homelessness, affordable housing and mass/alternative transit are your primary focus; and of course this is understandable, especially given the kind of high profile, people-based problems Los Angeles faces today. But these people problems and the problems of the urban-wildlands interface and of wildlife connectivity are *not mutually exclusive*. In fact, the more the city rushes toward verticality and densification, the more vitally important it is to preserve precious open spaces like those of the Santa Monica Mountains and the animal species that miraculously still survive there. These urban wildlands provide much-needed aesthetic, psychological and recreational balance in our increasingly unbalanced urban lives. Furthermore, it is our responsibility as stewards of the planet to care about and for the animals whose home it also is. But the bottom line is that the future—all of our futures—hangs on preserving biodiversity.

The great Climate Change Clock is ticking, and this Wildlife Corridor Ordinance has already languished too long. Act before it's too late. Please join with Councilmember Koretz and make funding the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance a reality: move it up to be #1 on your list for the new Budget!

Sincerely,

Lois Becker, Community Liaison
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association

cc: Councilmember & Budget Chair Paul Krekorian, Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld, Councilmember Paul Koretz, Councilmember Curren D. Price, Federation of Hillside & Canyon Associations President Charley Mims, Federation Chair Marian Dodge, CLAW