

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The Sierra Club hereby puts itself on record in support of the Appeal filed by Jamie Hall on behalf of the homeowners. The study by Dan Cooper indicated several protections which could have ameliorated the harm this project will do to Oak nesting birds and wildlife movement. This is a critical linkage in the wildlife movement. We had shared letters with various city council members and I will attach them here to be on the record.

Honorable councilmembers:

I speak today on behalf of the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of wildlife and nature.

I want to ask you to accept the appeal of the project at 11472 Laurelcrest drive in studio city, council file number 19 -1134. There are numerous reasons that this project should have CEQA review. Biologist Dan Cooper whose report is in your possession in the packet dated October 15 2020 in your council file, states that the wildlife corridor should be preserved and that a plan to protect oak nesting birds should be a condition. The main problems with this project are that the slope is 2:1 and the trees are what hold the hillside back from erosion. If the trees are removed, this will cause two problems. One is they will no longer hold the hillside back from sliding. The other is climate change. These mature trees: 18 on the property, 8 to be removed, contain 55, 000 pounds of CO2 apiece. Furthermore, the soil that is undisturbed is a carbon sink. The damage to this undisturbed soil and the trees will cause more than 400,000 pounds of carbon to be released when calculating only the loss of the 8 trees. The full cost to climate stabilization will actually be far greater.

Also the wildlife corridor protection law that Paul Koretz wrote in 2016, is violated by this project. The mere absence of a fence is not enough. The 18 retaining wall that the geologist required to restabilize the hill when the trees are removed will be an obstacle to wildlife movement. The city staff say this is not a wildlife linkage. If you look at the area on google maps you can see that it is a key part of the tree canopy and linkage to nearby canyons which are wildlife rich. Dan coopers 6 page report states that many species of birds were observed during his survey. Many of these are dependent on Oaks. I urge you to send this project back to planning and require a full EIR. If this project goes forward, there will very likely be litigation against this decision. A delay of your decision today would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely

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