

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 04:28 PM

Council File No: 21-1286

Comments for Public Posting: The Center supports CF-21-1286 and its requests for the Planning Department to report back on the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan, as well as the Wildlife Pilot Study, Ridgeline Protection Ordinance, and Hillside Construction Regulations. In addition, the Center, along with 43 other environmental and community organizations (see attached letter) strongly urge City Council to restore the design review process for all projects in the Mulholland Scenic Parkway to ensure that other protections on the City's natural areas remain in place. The March 30, 2021 Department of City Planning Memorandum entitled "Review Process for Projects Not Visible from Mulholland Drive" eliminates an important existing planning tool to ensure the protection of wildlife habitat in the eastern Santa Monica mountains. The Memorandum is (1) inconsistent with the City's obligations under the California Environmental Quality Act; (2) inconsistent with the City's obligations under the California Endangered Species Act; and (3) inconsistent with the 2019 Green New Deal Sustainability Plan. While we understand the Memorandum views a connectivity ordinance as taking the place of the existing review process, a connectivity ordinance has not been finalized or adopted at this time. In addition, the existing review process and a connectivity ordinance should be considered as complementary as opposed to interchangeable. Please read our attached letters for more detail. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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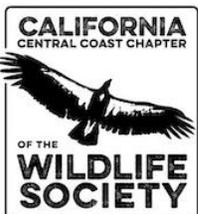
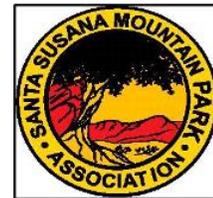
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San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society



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Looking Out Today For Tomorrow



September 27, 2021

Re: Support for Wildlife Ordinance

Los Angeles City Council
City of Los Angeles
200 N Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Los Angeles City Council:

A strong wildlife ordinance is a critical step in protecting the City's biodiversity and open space for both people and wildlife. The undersigned organizations urge you to adopt a strong ordinance including the amendments outlined in [this letter](#) submitted by conservation organizations to the Department of City Planning on August 9, 2021. A strong ordinance will help protect wildlife and ecosystems and achieve co-benefits such as supporting climate resiliency and public health.

Life on Earth is experiencing a sixth mass extinction, with species disappearing at a rate of more than 1,000 times greater than the background extinction rate.¹ Habitat loss and fragmentation are the primary drivers of the extinction crisis. Combating this crisis requires engagement from all levels of government. In Southern California, local jurisdictions such as Ventura County have already adopted wildlife ordinances, and the City has an opportunity to join other forward-thinking jurisdictions in using its land use authority to protect wildlife and ecosystems.

In Los Angeles, local mountain lions exemplify the need for a strong wildlife ordinance. Local mountain lions are often unable to find mates, food, and shelter due to barriers caused by poorly sited development and roads. Southern California mountain lions – including the local Santa Monica Mountains population within the City – are now provisionally listed under the state endangered species act primarily due to loss of habitat connectivity. A strong wildlife ordinance will help ensure the survival of local mountain lions and advance the state's policy of preserving threatened and endangered species.

A strong wildlife ordinance will enhance fire safety.² The science is clear that increased development in high fire-prone wildlands can lead to more human-caused ignitions, as most contemporary wildfires in California are caused by human sources such as power lines, car sparks, cigarettes, and electrical equipment.³ Building new developments in high fire-risk areas increases unintentional ignitions and places more people in danger. Since 2015, almost 200 people in the state have been killed in wildfires, more than 50,000 structures have

¹ Center for Biological Diversity, *California Connections: How Wildlife Connectivity Can Fight Extinction and Protect Public Safety* (Aug. 2021), available at <https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/wildlife-connectivity/pdfs/California-Connections-wildlife-connectivity-report.pdf>.

² Greenbelt Alliance, "The Critical Role of Greenbelts in Wildfire Resilience" (2021), available at <https://www.greenbelt.org/research/the-critical-role-of-greenbelts-in-wildfire-resilience/>.

³ Center for Biological Diversity, "Built to Burn: California's Wildlands Developments Are Playing With Fire" (Feb. 2021), available at <https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/urban/pdfs/Built-to-Burn-California-Wildfire-Report-Center-Biological-Diversity.pdf>.

burned down, hundreds of thousands have had to evacuate their homes and endure power outages, and millions have been exposed to unhealthy levels of smoke and air pollution.⁴ In addition, increasing fire frequency due to development is converting chaparral and sage scrub ecosystems into non-native grasses that burn more easily, leading to a dangerous “feedback loop” of increasing fire and degraded habitats. A strong wildlife ordinance is an important step to combat these issues.

A wildlife ordinance will also foster climate resiliency. Climate change is worsening ecosystem stress and increasing variability in temperature, leaving plants and wildlife struggling to adapt. A permeable landscape allows species to adjust to shifts in resource availability and help ensure populations persist after extreme events worsened by climate change. For example, during wildfires and floods, a permeable landscape provides escape routes for animals seeking safety.

The welfare of humans is deeply linked to nature and access to open space. Open space has been vital to many communities during the pandemic and provided community spaces for safe socially distanced gatherings. Continued preservation and increased access will help ensure all Angelenos experience the physical and mental health benefits of nature. Native landscapes help us regulate our climate, purify our air and water, pollinate our crops and create healthy soil. In addition to the direct benefits from access, preservation of our native habitats and the species that rely on them is critical to our long-term health and wellbeing.

By supporting a strong wildlife ordinance, the City can join other leaders and jurisdictions in forward-thinking efforts in biodiversity and environmental health, such as Ventura County’s wildlife connectivity ordinances, Governor Newsom’s 30 by 30 conservation goals, and Representative Adam Schiff’s Rim of the Valley Preservation Act. In addition, the City Council should restore the design review process for all projects in the Mulholland Scenic Parkway to ensure that other protections on the City’s natural areas remain in place.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to expeditiously adopt the City’s Wildlife Ordinance by the end of 2021.

Sincerely,

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⁴ CAL FIRE Incidents. CAL FIRE (2015-2020), Accessed, March 15th, 2021. <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents>

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June 2, 2021

Sent via email

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Los Angeles, California 90012
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Re: March 30, 2021 Memorandum on “Review Process for Projects Not Visible from Mulholland Drive”

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

We want to thank you for the investment you have made in protecting wildlife connectivity and native biodiversity in the FY 2021-22 budget. We appreciate the actions of you and City Planning in prioritizing these issues, and in developing a draft wildlife connectivity ordinance.

However, we are writing because we are concerned that the March 30, 2021 Department of City Planning Memorandum entitled “Review Process for Projects Not Visible from Mulholland Drive” (the “Memorandum”) eliminates an important existing planning tool to ensure the protection of wildlife habitat in the eastern Santa Monica mountains. We believe that the Memorandum is (1) inconsistent with the City’s obligations under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); (2) inconsistent with the City’s obligations under the California Endangered Species Act (“CESA”); and (3) inconsistent with the 2019 Green New Deal Sustainability Plan. While we understand the Memorandum views a connectivity ordinance as taking the place of the existing review process, a connectivity ordinance has not been finalized or adopted at this time. In addition, the existing review process and a connectivity ordinance should be considered as complementary as opposed to interchangeable.

The Center is a non-profit, public interest environmental organization dedicated to the protection of native species and their habitats through science, policy, and environmental law. The Center has over 1.7 million members and online activists throughout California and the United States. The Center and its members have worked

for many years to protect imperiled plants and wildlife, open space, air and water quality, and overall quality of life for people in Los Angeles.

The Memorandum is Inconsistent with the California Environmental Quality Act

CEQA is California’s landmark environmental law, and was enacted to “take all action necessary to protect . . . [and] enhance the environmental quality of the state” and should be “interpreted . . . to afford the fullest possible protection to the environment within the reasonable scope of the statutory language...” (Pub. Res. Code § 21001(a); Cal. Code Regs. 14 § 15003(f).) One of the goals of CEQA is to require “assessment of environmental consequences where government has the power through its regulatory powers to eliminate or mitigate one or more adverse environmental consequences” of proposed projects. (*Friends of Westwood v. City of L.A.* (1987) 191 Cal.App.3d 259, 266-267.)

CEQA applies to any “project” that meets two elements. First, the “project” is a discretionary activity directly undertaken by a public agency or supported in whole or in part by the public agency. (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(a); 14 Cal. Code Regs § 15002(d).) Second, it is an activity that may cause a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment. (Pub. Res. Code § 21065; 14 Cal. Code Regs § 15378.)

The definition of “project” also extends to any public agency action that will not have an *immediate* effect on the environment, but still has the *potential* to result in a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (Pub. Res. Code § 21065; 14 Cal Code Regs §15378(a); *Union of Med. Marijuana Patients, Inc. v City of San Diego* (2019) 7 Cal.5th 1171, 1187; *Muzzy Ranch Co. v Solano County Airport Land Use Comm’n* (2007) 41 Cal.4th 372, 381-382.) Public Resources Code section 21080(a) also provides that a project includes activities like a zoning ordinance.

The Memorandum meets each of these elements, as set forth below.

First, the Memorandum is a discretionary activity of a public agency. Under CEQA, a “discretionary” decision is one in “which requires the exercise of judgment or deliberation when the public agency or body decides to approve or disapprove a particular activity, as distinguished from situations where the public agency or body merely has to determine whether there has been conformity with applicable statutes, ordinances, [or] regulations.” (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15357.) Courts apply a “functional” test to determine whether an action is discretionary, focusing on whether “the agency has the authority to shape or condition the project in ways that are responsive to environmental concerns.” (*Friends of Juana Briones House v. City of Palo Alto* (2010) 190 Cal.App.4th 286, 302.)

Here, the Memorandum expressly refers to the Director’s “decision-making authority” in signing the Memorandum. (Memorandum at 6.) The Memorandum also states it was executed “under the authority granted to the Director of Planning” (Memorandum at 6, underlining in original.) Under the plain wording of the Memorandum, the Memorandum would not qualify as a “ministerial” action of the Planning Department. And even if the Memorandum somehow qualified as “hybrid” between a ministerial and discretionary decision, CEQA would still apply. (See *Friends of Westwood*, 191 Cal.App.3d 259, 271 (CEQA extends “to hybrid projects of a mixed ministerial-discretionary character; doubt whether a project is ministerial or discretionary should be resolved in favor of the latter characterization.”))

Second, the Memorandum may result in a reasonably foreseeable indirect change to the environment. While the Memorandum in an of itself may not have an immediate effect on the environment, the Memorandum will have the effect of exempting a significant amount of the City’s remaining open space and wildlife habitat from existing regulations and guidelines. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (“MRCA”), an expert state agency, concluded in their April 14, 2021 letter to the City that the Memorandum “will result in the degradation of the scenic qualities, ecological capacity, and watershed health of the eastern Santa Monica Mountains.” (Attachment 1.) The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (“SMMC”) further explained in their letter of April 19, 2021 (Attachment 2) that “[t]he Design Review process has been vital to both identifying and securing protections for wildlife movement through the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains in the City-designated Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zone.” The enclosed map (Attachment 3) of the “inner” and “outer” corridor graphically depicts that the amount of lands subject to the Design Review Process in the “inner” and “outer” corridor, and indicates that the Memorandum would exempt a significant amount of lands in the “outer” corridor from this process and its attendant protections and review procedures.

CEQA requires preparation of an environmental impact report or “EIR” whenever substantial evidence in the record supports a fair argument that a project may have a significant effect on the environment. (*Quail Botanical Gardens Found., Inc. v City of Encinitas* (1994) 29 Cal.App.4th 1597, 1602; *Friends of “B” St. v City of Hayward* (1980) 106 Cal.App.3d 988, 1002.) An agency may avoid preparing an EIR only if there is *no substantial evidence* in the record that the agency action may have a significant effect on the environment. *Parker Shattuck Neighbors v Berkeley City Council* (2013) 222 Cal.4th 768, 785.⁵ Here, the MRCA and SMMC’s analyses qualifies as “substantial evidence” that the Memorandum may cause a significant effect on the environment. (See Pub. Res. Code §§ 21080(e) and 21082.2 [substantial evidence may include facts, reasonable assumptions predicated on facts, and expert opinions supported by facts].) As such, there is substantial evidence in the record that the Memorandum may result in a significant impact on the environment, and CEQA applies.

⁵ And even then, a negative declaration must be prepared. (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(c)(1); 14 Cal. Code Regs. §§15063(b)(2), 15064(f)(3).)

Based on the above, the Department's issuance of the Memorandum without preparing an EIR or appropriate CEQA documentation is inconsistent with its obligations under CEQA. The Memorandum therefore must be rescinded.

The Memorandum is Inconsistent with the City's Obligations under the California Endangered Species Act

The City has an obligation to protect species that are listed or provisionally listed under the California Endangered Species Act ("CESA"), including Southern California mountain lions. The mountain lions of the Santa Monica and San Gabriel mountains are provisionally listed under the CESA and are presently at risk of extinction, primarily due to loss of habitat connectivity and open space caused by poorly sited development and lack of wildlife crossings (Gustafson et al. 2018; Benson et al. 2016; Benson et al. 2019). Under CESA, the City may not approve projects that could jeopardize the continued existence of these populations or result in destruction of essential habitat (Cal. Fish & Game Code § 2053(a) and the City must require that appropriate mitigation measures be implemented for projects that could destroy mountain lion habitat or impair connectivity (Cal. Fish & Game Code § 2054).

In issuing the Memorandum, the City has eliminated one of the only land use planning tools available to ensure contiguous wildlife habitat in the eastern Santa Monica mountains, which is important to the survival of the Santa Monica mountain lions. Instead of eliminating design reviews that result in some level of mitigation for projects that harm mountain lions and their habitat, the City should be building upon existing mitigation structures to comply with state law and protect local wildlife. Again, while a wildlife connectivity ordinance is an important step towards these goals, an ordinance has not yet been adopted and is not interchangeable with the existing design review process.

The Memorandum Undermines the 2019 Green New Deal Sustainability Plan

In 2019's LA's Green New Deal Sustainability Plan, the 2021 Milestones and Initiatives are to "Set biodiversity targets and pilot LA's first wildlife corridor." The Green New Deal also includes "Achieve and maintain 'no-net loss' of native biodiversity by 2035." The Memorandum will result in the continued loss of native biodiversity in one of the most important habitat areas remaining in the City. We urge the City to uphold the goals in the Sustainability Plan and direct City Planning to rescind the Memorandum.

Conclusion

We again thank you and City Planning for advancing the wildlife connectivity ordinance. However, we remain concerned the Memorandum will result in the reduction of protections for the City's remaining open space and wildlife habitat. We also understand that other community organizations and state agencies have voiced strong opposition to this unfortunate decision, and we share many of the concerns voiced in their letters.⁶ Please do not hesitate to reach out to us using the email addresses below if you would like to discuss these issues with us.

Sincerely,



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⁶ MRCA, Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, and Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association submitted "appeals" of the decision which we understand the City rejected, claiming the decision is not appealable. As such, we have not styled this letter as an "appeal".

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Communication from Public

Name: Cristina Colissimo

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 07:34 PM

Council File No: 21-1286

Comments for Public Posting: Dear L.A. City Councilmembers, First I want to thank you for your bold leadership and direction on this motion. As a resident of Los Angeles, specifically the area just below Mullholland in Benedict Canyon, I support a report back on how development is being managed in environmentally sensitive areas like the Mulholland Corridor, as well as ordinances and implementation efforts that protect our natural resources like the future Wildlife Ordinance. The conservation and thoughtful management of the City's natural biological diversity is of the utmost importance to me as a resident. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: John Paladin

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 07:38 PM

Council File No: 21-1286

Comments for Public Posting: I support a report back on how development is being managed in environmentally sensitive areas like the Mulholland Corridor. I support ordinances and implementation efforts that protect our natural resources like the future Wildlife Ordinance and want to know the status. I support analysis and any additional measures that conserve and manage the City's natural biological diversity. Build more wildlife overpasses over freeways and highways in important wildlife habitat areas.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordana Glick-Franzheim

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 08:22 PM

Council File No: 21-1286

Comments for Public Posting: I support CF-21-1286 and I ask you to instruct Director Bertoni to rescind his Memo, which negatively impacts the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan (MSPSP) process. I am a resident of the beautiful Santa Monica Mountains for almost 30 years and I am deeply concerned the Memorandum will result in the reduction of protections for the City's remaining open space and wildlife habitat that I and so many from the city and around the world have enjoyed and want to continue to enjoy.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Newton

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 08:39 PM

Council File No: 21-1286

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for addressing this important issue regarding wildlife environmental protection. Please pass this motion to direct the planning department to report back to City Hall about how unilateral policy change has adversely affected environmentally sensitive areas. The memo released earlier this year by LA city planning Director Vince Bertoni goes in the complete wrong direction: we need more space protected, not less!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 10:58 PM

Council File No: 21-1286

Comments for Public Posting: I support a report back on how development is being managed in environmentally sensitive areas like the Mulholland Corridor. I support ordinances and implementation efforts that protect our natural resources like the future Wildlife Ordinance and want to know the status. I support analysis and any additional measures that conserve and manage the City's natural biological diversity. Los Angeles's native biodiversity is essential to the planet's survival and our city's health.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Marohn

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 05:41 PM

Council File No: 21-1286

Comments for Public Posting: I am concerned about how the Planning Director's unilateral policy change to the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan has adversely affected this environmentally sensitive area. I live in the Kirkwood bowl close to Mulholland and protecting this area is important to me to continue to protect biodiversity. This city should do everything possible to help protect this environmentally sensitive area. -Rob Marohn

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Gritsch

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 05:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I hereby ask the Planning Department to report back to City Council about how the Planning Director's unilateral policy change to the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan has adversely affected this environmentally sensitive area. Additionally, I ask the Planning Department to identify measures that can be taken to conserve and protect the area's biodiversity. I support a report back on how development is being managed in environmentally sensitive areas like the Mulholland Corridor. I support ordinances and implementation efforts that protect our natural resources like the future Wildlife Ordinance and want to know the status. I support analysis and any additional measures that conserve and manage the City's natural biological diversity.

Communication from Public

Name: Warren D. TenHouten

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 05:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I hereby ask the Planning Department to report back to City Council about how the Planning Director's unilateral policy change to the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan has adversely affected this environmentally sensitive area. Additionally, I ask the Planning Department to identify measures that can be taken to conserve and protect the area's biodiversity. I support a report back on how development is being managed in environmentally sensitive areas like the Mulholland Corridor. I support ordinances and implementation efforts that protect our natural resources like the future Wildlife Ordinance and want to know the status. I support analysis and any additional measures that conserve and manage the City's natural biological diversity.

Communication from Public

Name: Tierney Brannigan

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 05:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support CF 21-1286! The natural habitat and our wildlife protected by the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan depend on it. Please do not let Bertoni's brash and sweeping decision put our wildlife in danger. It is unnecessary...and who does it really serve? Thank you for your action on this!

Communication from Public

Name: Alessandra Pasquino

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 06:26 PM

Council File No: 21-1286

Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen concerned with the future of our wild lands, biodiversity and conservation of our planet, I am contacting you to show my strong support of motion CF-21-1286. I understand that sensitive areas like the Mulholland corridor are must be protected by urban development and therefore I advocate for a public report on how development is being managed and assessed in this area and everywhere in the city. I would like to see Los Angeles as a city that pioneers efforts towards maintaining the city natural biodiversity which is key to the city's beauty and uniqueness in the world. Therefore I support any measures like the future Wildlife Ordinance and I thank you the Council for leadership in this area of local legislation and initiatives.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Sherwood Brock

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 06:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Laurel Canyon and the protection of wildlife in our area is important to me. I have been encouraged by the Council's support in the past of our environment and controlling development in the wildlife corridor and adjacent areas. Any loosening or change to the rules is something that concerns myself and my neighbors. We need to know that the development is being managed in this environmentally sensitive area. The Mulholland Corridor is a wild life corridor important to everyone in LA. We are all so lucky to live close to nature but we need your help to protect it. We need ordinances and implementation efforts that protect our natural resources and we need the Planning Department to identify measures that can be taken to conserve and protect the area's biodiversity. These are Please support the motion CF-21-1286. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Sherwood Brock

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 06:55 PM

Council File No: 21-1286

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Laurel Canyon and the protection of wildlife in our area is important to me. I have been encouraged by the Council's support in the past of our environment and controlling development in the wildlife corridor and adjacent areas. Any loosening or change to the rules is something that concerns myself and my neighbors. We need to know that the development is being managed in this environmentally sensitive area. The Mulholland Corridor is a wild life corridor important to everyone in LA. We are all so lucky to live close to nature but we need your help to protect it. We need ordinances and implementation efforts that protect our natural resources and we need the Planning Department to identify measures that can be taken to conserve and protect the area's biodiversity. Please support the motion CF-21-1286. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Corrigan

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 06:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support a report back on how development is being managed in environmentally sensitive areas like the Mulholland Corridor. ??I support ordinances and implementation efforts that protect our natural resources like the future Wildlife Ordinance and want to know the status. ??I support analysis and any additional measures that conserve and manage the City's natural biological diversity.

Communication from Public

Name: Lionel Mares

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 07:05 PM

Council File No: 21-1286

Comments for Public Posting: I support a report back on how development is being managed in environmentally sensitive areas like the Mulholland Corridor. I have written public comments in the past and have spoken out against any further land development in sensitive habitats. I have expressed concern about the impact on wildlife. I am involved with nature, and I do not believe that the Planning Department is doing enough to protect wildlife and to protect our environment. I ask that you please take into account the concerns of the people who deeply care about the environment and wildlife. Thank You!

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe that the greatest city in the greatest state in the greatest country in the world can and must do ALL we can to protect our wildlife. California should be the leading example to the rest of the world in coming up with solutions that will preserve our natural beauty and precious wildlife. I support all such efforts—past, current and future.