

## Communication from Public

**Name:** San Fernando Valley Audubon Society

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**Council File No:** 24-1453

**Comments for Public Posting:** The San Fernando Valley Audubon Society strongly supports Los Angeles City Council File 24-1453 which requests development and maintenance of a website for the Sepulveda Basin which will incorporate information and input features for multiple agencies, nonprofits and community groups. We thank councilmember Padilla for this proposal. While the emphasis on the LA28 games is admirable, such an information source is long overdue to the surrounding community and all users of the facility. There is a vast array of constructive activities at the basin that the public should be able to access, including nature walks, habitat restoration, and many more. Timely information is invaluable. There have been innumerable instances of un-noticed road closures in the basin resulting from filming, athletic events, etc. which have disrupted planned events. There must be ample early notification of these events which impact park access. From time to time the basin floods (as it should) and resulting closures should be posted immediately. More frequently, fires result in closures. After road closures, postings on closure as well as reopening status should be timely. There should also be an easy way to report illegal activity, including dumping, encampments, and the myriad violations which threaten park users and the community. We urge the Neighborhood & Community Enrichment and Ad Hoc LA28 committees to quickly hear and approve this motion with a recommendation for city council approval.



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Los Angeles City Council

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Respectfully,

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Conservation Committee Co-Chairperson