

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee

April 7, 2014

Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee
c/o City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Maria Espinoza, Legislative Assistant

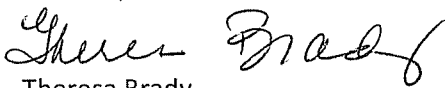
Re: Council Motion CF 12-0899-S1

Dear Honorable Members:

The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee strongly supports the restoration and expansion of the Park Ranger Program to the Optimum Program level at a minimum, as presented in the Park Rangers at the Crossroads report prepared by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Further, we request the assignment of full time Ranger support in the Sepulveda Basin. The Wildlife Areas have been challenged by illegal fishing including the entanglement of discarded lines and hooks in the shrubbery and trees, dogs running loose and flushing out wildlife, and visitors being physically threatened. This area, meant to be a sanctuary for people and wildlife including migratory birds, needs the positive educational and enforcement assistance that only a Park Ranger can provide.

Sincerely,



Theresa Brady
Chair

cc: Steven Hartman, California Native Plant Society, LA/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter
Rosemarie White, Canada Goose Project
Robert Munsey, Los Angeles Audubon Society
Muriel Kotin, San Fernando Valley Audubon Society
Glenn Bailey, Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains
Joe Phillips, Sierra Club, San Fernando Valley Group
Debra George, Encino Neighborhood Council
Cynthia Weichelt, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council