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Brief Summary: With evidence that wildlife in Griffith Park is being poisoned and killed by rodenticides we support a ban on all (1st generation, 2nd generation, and non-anticoagulant) toxic rodenticides from sales in the City of Los Angeles in alignment with current regulation, which goes into effect on July 1, 2014 from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Motion passed NC board 15-0-0

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Honorable Councilman Tom LaBonge
City of Los Angeles, Council District 4
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 480
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Department of Pesticide Regulation

17 June 2014

Dear Councilman LaBonge:

It has recently come to our attention that there are large and small animals being poisoned within Griffith Park and the surrounding areas by rodenticides. There are multiple sources of reporting on the topic. The Malibu Times, Friday April 18, 2014: "Griffith Park Mountain Lion poisoned, likely by rodenticide." National Parks website April 17, 2014 excerpt:

"The connection between exposure to anti-coagulant rodenticide and mange, a parasitic disease of the hair and skin is still not fully understood. Mange in wild cats is rare and only two other mountain lions in the 12-year study have developed mange, with both ultimately dying of rodenticide poisoning. More is known about mange in bobcats, with previous NPS research finding that bobcats that have ingested rodenticide are much more likely to suffer from severe mange."

KPCC's website April 17th: "Griffith Park mountain lion has mange, traces of rat poison."

This systematic and seemingly uncontrollable poisoning of our environment must stop. Ignorance is no longer an acceptable excuse. There rodenticides are typically being delivered through residents trying to control rodent populations.

As a first step towards solving this alarming situation, the LFNC is recommending the restriction of all (1st generation, 2nd generation, and non-anticoagulant) toxic rodenticides from being sold in Los Angeles in alignment with current state regulation which goes into effect on July 1, 2014 from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

The restrictions will limit sales of products containing brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difenacoum, or difethialone. Brodifacoum is the active in several lines of d-CON products. The LFNC Green Committee

recommends pushing this further for a ban on ALL rodenticides including: first generation anticoagulant rodenticides, second generation anticoagulant rodenticides, and non-anti-coagulant rodenticides.

We fully support Councilman Mitch O'Farrell's statement made last month: "We're in the 21st Century and all of the focus in Los Angeles is on restoring our ecosystems," O'Farrell said. "Living sustainably and in harmony with what's around us is tremendously important to many people. This includes living with fewer pesticides."

The LFNC Green Committee is submitting a CIS in addition to this letter. Follow up steps should include a public education outreach campaign to the Los Feliz area and surrounding neighbors.

Thank you for your attention to this important community issue.

Sincerely,

Linda Demmers
President
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

By: Adam Meltzer, Green Committee Chair

Cc: City Council



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GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA

JUNE 17, 2014 7:30 P.M.

Citibank Community Meeting Room
 1965 N. Hillhurst Ave. (2nd floor of Citibank)
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1. Call to Order. Roll Call
2. Public comment on non-agenda items
3. Reports from Government Officials
4. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - i. LANCC Meeting
 - ii. Pothole blitz
 - iii. Roster verification
 - b. Vice President Communications Report
 - c. Vice President Administration Report
 - i. Status of current Bylaws, Standing Rules, and other council governance documents; board member business card order; late meeting arrival.
 - ii. Review of board member training status (ethics and financial).
 - iii. Special volunteer project delegation (convert legacy board minutes document into .pdf format).
 - iv. Committee meeting dates and membership list
 - d. Treasurer's Report and Funding Requests
 - i. Close out of fiscal year 2014
 - ii. MOTION: Approve monthly expenditures for May 2014.
 - iii. MOTION: Approve end of year expenditure for printing costs (operating costs) for Copy Cat services this quarter of \$432.26 to be paid in FY 2014-2015. Demmers/Klipp
 - iv. MOTION: Approve renewal of annual lease with LFIA for use of storage space. Operating expenses of \$200.00 per month to be set up as on- going expense with EmpowerLA Funding. Demmers
 - v. MOTION: Approve expenditure of NC funds for board member business cards to be paid from 2014-2015 budget.(\$21.60 per 200) Demmers/Klipp
 - vi. MOTION: Approve expenditure of NC funds to reactivate former website. Mauceri
5. Board Vacancies
 - a. Appointment of District E Representative: Julie Jamison
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Green Committee
 - i. MOTION: Submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) and letter to LA City Council submitted by Green Committee that supports the ban on all 1st generation, 2nd generation, and non-anticoagulant) toxic rodenticides from sale in the City of Los Angeles in alignment with current regulation which goes into effect on July 1, 2014

from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Lao. (Note: Full packet on website.)

CIS: With evidence that wildlife in Griffith Park is being poisoned and killed by rodenticides we support a ban on all (1st generation, 2nd generation, and non-anticoagulant) toxic rodenticides from sales in the City of Los Angeles in alignment with current regulation, which goes into effect on July 1, 2014 from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

- ii. MOTION: LFNC supports Exhibit 3 of the BOE (Bureau Of Engineers) plan which would retain both, south and north sidewalks, create a legal-sized bike lane on both sides which is fully ADA compliant and include this motion, and motion detail in a letter to the BOE. Lao
- iii. MOTION: Letter in Support of SB270 single use plastic bag ban to be sent to Mike Gatto urging his support of this bill. Lao
- iv. MOTION: Approve expenditure not-to-exceed \$175 for flyers for the Green Committee workshop to be spent from 2014-2015 outreach funds. Demmers/Lao
- v. MOTION: Approve expenditure of \$200 for guest speakers for Green Workshop scheduled for July 2014 to be paid from 2014-2015 Neighborhood Council Outreach funds. Demmers/Lao
- b. Outreach
 - i. MOTION: Spend \$ Neighborhood Council Funds from 2014-2015 outreach funds for Independent Shakespeare playbill insert. Mauceri.
- c. Public Safety
 - i. MOTION: Approve letter to CD4 regarding paving of Oxford Street. Maloney
- d. Planning Zoning and Historic Preservation
 - i. MOTION: Approve letter approving the conversion of the northern portion of the approximately 7 acre subject site at 3431 Waverly Drive from a convent and school for the training and housing of novitiates and nuns most recently approved under ZA-1991-0216(CUZ) to a religious retreat facility for lay members of the Catholic Faith. CKhanjian
- e. Business
 - i. Action and Discussion as Appropriate: Update on Street Vendor ordinance. Carlson
- f. Sports and Recreation
 - i. Update on current projects status
 - ii. MOTION: Approve and submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) for file 14-0588 and associated letter urging City Council to uphold The Dept. of Recreation & Parks Commissioners project approval for the 'Griffith Park Crystal Springs Baseball Fields;' Mauceri

CIS: Providing ballfields "near home" for areas that desperately need them benefits everyone. Three previously empaneled city commissions (RVNOC, LVNOC, RAP), and five other nearby neighborhood councils representing over 200K residents, all support the 'Crystal Springs' plan. We urge the City Council reaffirm and uphold the decision of the Dept. of Recreation and Parks Commission, so more kids get a chance to "play ball!" in their own neighborhoods.

- 7. MOTION: Authorize Demmers to receive NC election materials from City Clerk. Demmers

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION AS APPROPRIATE: LFNC position on BONC Policy on Mandatory Sexual Harassment and Intimidation Training. Demmers
9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION AS APPROPRIATE: Letter of support for LFIA position on Greek Theater RFP to Mike Shull, Vicky Israel. Demmers. Ferris
10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION AS APPROPRIATE: Letter to CD4 requesting implementation of LA City Ordinance 181218 posting signs prohibiting parking of oversized vehicles in designated residential neighborhoods. McDonald
11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION AS APPROPRIATE: Welcome packet distribution via real estate agencies. McDonald
12. MOTION: "Approve a letter to the LA City Information Technology Agency requesting that neighborhood councils be permanently listed in the "Volunteer Opportunities" section of LACity.org." McKinley.
13. MOTION: Submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Council File 13-0953, the Citywide Municipal WiFi Initiative. McKinley

CIS: Much like public libraries and schools, a citywide WiFi network that is truly accessible to all Los Angeles residents would be a giant step towards democratizing information. Broadband access that's fast, free and reliable should be considered basic infrastructure in the twenty-first century. It fosters innovation, creates new economic opportunities, enables use of technology that increases public safety, and improves government transparency.

14. Approval of May 20, 2014 7:00 PM Neighborhood Council Minutes.
15. Approval of May 20, 2014 8:00 PM Neighborhood Council Minutes.
16. Other comments and announcements.

On June 21st, there will be an outdoor free concert in Griffith Park from 1:00 to 3:00, featuring Grammy Winner Danny Ho on the Ukulele. Not only will he perform, but he will involve the audience in the music making. CD4, GP Adult Community Center and Club and RAP are sponsoring the event. Bring your ukulele and join in. The event is at 3224 Riverside Dr., South of Los Feliz Blvd. and the Mulholland Fountain. Parking available in the area. (Stephanie Vendig)

17. Adjourn

AGENDAS & PUBLIC COMMENT: Agendas are posted for public review on the Council's website, the Public Library, Los Feliz Branch at 1874 Hillhurst Avenue, and the Community Meeting Room at 1965 Hillhurst Avenue. To address the Board, the public is requested to fill out a 'Speaker Card' on any agenda item prior to the Board taking action on it. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only at the time the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on matters not appearing on this Agenda within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction are heard during the Public Comment period, limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the Board's presiding officer.

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed here if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action, or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: 1) Make a Motion for reconsideration and, if approved, 2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: 1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and 2) a [Proposed] Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act governing public entities.

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