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Councilman Paul Koretz
Fifth Council District
200 N. Spring Street, Room 440
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Councilmember Koretz and staff:

Thank you for meeting with Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) on Wednesday, August 21' 2013. Together we discussed the evidence and statistics revealing the deleterious impact of anticoagulant rodenticide on wildlife in the Santa Monica Mountains and other ecologically sensitive areas citywide. We also discussed that anticoagulants rodenticides are lethal to all native wildlife, causing secondary and tertiary poisoning of indigenous predators such as bobcats, coyotes, mountain lions, owls and hawks and force an ecological imbalance. Rat poison also presents grave danger to domestic animals and children.

This letter is a formal request for you, Councilmember Koretz, to author an ordinance that bans the sale and purchase of anticoagulant rodenticide in the City of Los Angeles and restricts its municipal, commercial, professional and private use in order to:

- Prevent accidental poisoning of wildlife, domestic pets and humans;
- Restore the natural balance of pest control in the Santa Monica Mountains and other ecologically sensitive areas of the city struggling to survive in the urban interface, including the LA River and hiking trails.

We propose this ordinance should include:

- A city-wide ban on the sale and purchase of anticoagulant rodenticide.
- Prohibit the municipal, commercial, industrial, professional and private use of anticoagulant rodenticide particularly in our hillsides and other ecologically sensitive areas and within 100 feet of parks, school zones, playgrounds and play structures.
- A system of fines should be instituted to support this ordinance with increased fines in our hillsides and ecologically sensitive areas as well as within 100 feet of our parks, school zones, playgrounds and play structures.

While we have been inspired by resolutions passed by a handful of cities in California, we are enthusiastic that an ordinance, in a city this size, under your direction will go even farther to provide relief from this indiscriminate killer. We commend you for your leadership on this issue. As you know, CLAW is proud to offer its support and resources to help push this ordinance forward.

Sincerely,

Alison Simard, Skip Haynes and Tony Tucci
Board of Directors