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Dear LA City Council,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Los Angeles to request that the city immediately discontinue the use of anti-coagulant rodenticides in our city's hillsides, parks, recreational areas, rivers, hiking trails, and any and all open spaces. These dangerous chemicals are a serious threat to the wildlife, domesticated pets, and even our children.

By employing the use of rodenticides, we are putting the eco system out of balance. Rats eat the poison and take a long time to die making them easy pray for larger predators, who kill and eat the poisoned rat, thereby getting secondary poisoning and dying themselves. Bobcats, mountain lions, foxes, coyotes and other animals are dying at record rates in our hills from these poisons. They do not procreate as quickly as rats and therefore we are actually creating a situation where MORE rats — not LESS — exist in the eco system than predators to kill them when we use rodenticides. Thousands of children are sickened and poisoned each year from these toxic chemicals. It's time to start protecting our wildlife, pets and kids.

This is a serious issue that requires thoughtful contemplation and conversation, not big chemical companies' bulldozing and scare tactics. We need real, lasting solutions that respect our habitats and that requires the City Council of our fine city to understand that this is a complicated issue about an eco-system, not just an issue about rats. This is nothing less than an environmental catastrophe happening right under our noses.

Now is the moment where our city's leaders can show that we are progressive problem solvers and forward thinkers. We can do more than just throwing some poison pellets down that are killing and sickening wildlife, pets and our own children. We can solve this problem, save an eco-system, protect our wildlife, pets and children and we can do all of that without POISON.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Most sincerely,

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