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The Topanga Creek Watershed Committee urges the Los Angeles City Council to vote in favor of banning the use of anti-coagulant rodenticide in city parks and throughout Los Angeles.

Poisoned rodents are easy prey for predator species such as mountain lions, bobcats, owls, and hawks. As a result of consuming poisoned rodents, the predators become sickened and die. In addition to the tragedy of losing beloved creatures, these predators are actually the most effective rodent control of all - a family of owls can consume as many as 3,000 rodents in a year. When the predators are killed off, rodent populations explode.

There are non-toxic methods of rodent control that actually work better than the poison. In most cases it is not too difficult to exclude rodents from structures and deprive them of water and food. When this is done, they no longer become pests, and populations drop. Alternately, snap traps and shock (electric) traps are very effective and do not present a danger to other forms of life.

Finally, rat poison presents a hazard to non-target species such as humans (children) and pets, who unwittingly consume the bait and are poisoned.

Banning these products is a simple, easy way to do good for people and the natural environment with no real down side.

Thank you.

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