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Fw: Public Comment for Council File #13-1580 (anticoagulants)

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Public Comment for Council File #13-1580:

The San Fernando Valley Audubon Society urges you to support eliminating the use of anticoagulant rodenticides by all Los Angeles City departments via the process begun with Council File #13-1580 (motion by Tom LaBonge and Paul Koretz).

Anticoagulants have been proven to kill more than just rats, gophers, squirrels and mice. They also kill owls, hawks, bobcats, mountain lions, dogs, cats - and have even poisoned children. It takes several days for the target animal to die. This weakens them and makes them more susceptible to predation. The predators then accumulate poison in their bodies, subjecting them to unintended pain, suffering and death. As many as 90% of some local predator populations now have these poisons in their bodies. Barn Owl populations in the Sepulveda Basin have plummeted in the last 15 years.

We are actively trying to reintroduce and support Barn Owls in the Basin by installing nest boxes. However, these actions will be futile if the Department of Recreation and Parks, the golf course operators, and private extermination companies continue their outdoor use of these chemicals.

We believe that re-establishing a balanced natural ecosystem will be more effective, less expensive, and more humane than continuing the current and expanding use of long lasting, bio-accumulating, non-species specific poisons.

Thank you,

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