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Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee
c/o City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Adam Lid, Legislative Assistant

Re: Council Motion CF 13-1580

Dear Honorable Members:

Poison bait boxes with Department of Recreation and Parks tags have been observed in the Sepulveda Basin. The boxes contain diphacinone, an anticoagulant rodenticide.

As anticoagulant rodenticides are known to cause secondary poisoning of birds and mammals, I urge the City Council to direct the Department of Recreation and Parks to select alternate methods of rodent control including the use of barn owl nesting boxes in field areas. Barn owls are proving to be an effective rodent control within the vineyards of California. In areas where plague infected rodent fleas have been observed, bait stations containing flea powder provide a safe and effective solution.

Sincerely,

Debra George

cc: Councilmember Paul Koretz