

May 29, 2014

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 14-0356

Dear Honorable Members:

I strongly recommend that you to request the City Attorney to prepare and present the necessary Ordinances to extend the protections that currently exist for zoos to designated wildlife reserves including the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas and the Bull Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project Area. The request is for the prohibition of certain observed behaviors in the City's wildlife areas including but not limited to, the taking of birds, fish, and animals, the taking and/or breaking of bird eggs, the trampling of plants and soil by foot, bicycles, and motorized bikes, remote control aerial (drones) and ground vehicles, the removal of plants and soil, and the presence of dogs both off and on leash.

I've been an active volunteer in the Sepulveda Basin since the Army Corps established the Wildlife Reserve south of Burbank Blvd. in the late 1970's. Unfortunately the City of Los Angeles does not have established ordinances that would enable enforcement to try to control the numerous onerous activities that take place in Wildlife Areas in the Basin to the detriment of the environment.

Sincerely,



Steven Hartman

4444 Longridge Avenue
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423