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CF 14-0356

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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 14-0356

Dear Honorable Members:

I support CF 14-0356, which urges 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 areas.

I am a nature photographer and wildlife advocate and have been visiting the Sepulveda Basin for the past five years. During that time I have witnessed not only illegal activity on virtually every visit but have also seen injuries to animals and a complete disregard for the natural environment. I have often approached people who are engaged in illegal fishing in the lake or stream, throwing rocks at birds or using containers to try and catch tadpoles and/or turtles in the lake and creek reminding them that their activities are illegal and harmful to wildlife. If anything, I have even seen an increase in these activities over the last two years. I have seen birds with hooks in their mouths and fishing line wrapped around their necks. I have come home with fishing hooks embedded in my shoes.

Additionally, the spillover of noise and activity from Woodley park seems harmful to the environment. Vehicles are continually parked illegally on the lawn next to the creek bed and portable generators are being used to amplify music that can easily be heard in the wildlife reserve.

With so little habitat reserved for wildlife, I fully support this ordinance to help protect this small island within the urban jungle of Los Angeles. Please extend these protections to the Sepulveda Basin.

Sincerely,

Susan Schalbe,

A concerned citizen

Sent from my iPad