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LA City Council PLUM Committee
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 14-0518

Attn: Sharon.Dickinson@LACity.org

April 14, 2016

Dear Chairman Huizar and members of the PLUM Committee,

On behalf of our over 900 members and supporters, we are writing in strong support of establishing a Regional Habitat Linkage Zone in the hillsides of Los Angeles. The official designation of a linkage between Griffith Park and the Santa Monica Mountains would recognize the only true connectivity between two extremely critical natural landscape blocks. As our suburbs move deeper and deeper into wildlands interface, we must apply municipal codes to new residential construction in order to mitigate our rapid advances into habitats that are hundreds-if not thousands-of years old. Furthermore, permeable corridors reduce human/wildlife conflicts by allowing animals to move through our residential zones, rather than confinement within neighborhoods where problems can arise.

Project Bobcat was founded to promote legislative advances for the protection of our native Lynx, and we regularly engage in interactions with California wildlife administrators. Recently, the Environmental Program Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife told us that the heart of all issues with wildlife management lay in the hands of land use planning, given that habitat fragmentation is the greatest universal threat to the sustainability of all of our native species. The accepted assessment is that until we have good connectivity planning, state wildlife conservation policies alone cannot provide adequate long-term aide for our diminishing wildlife populations.

Sharing our vibrant metropolis with wildlife is nothing short of miraculous, and in this regard, Los Angeles provides her residents with what many of us consider to be her richest reward. Please set the leadership pace for the rest of our rapidly expanding state by adopting this truly forward-thinking motion.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

Respectfully,

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Miriam Seger, Board Representative
The Project Bobcat Team
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