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COUNCIL FILE 14-0518 - Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zones

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Wed, May 28, 2014 at 9:08 AM

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From: **steve bachrach** <sb.lachozita@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, May 28, 2014 at 8:46 AM

Subject: I SUPPORT COUNCIL FILE 14-0518 - Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zones

Dear Councilmembers Huizar and members of the PLUM Committee,

I am writing this letter to convey my strong support for the Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zone ordinance.

As you know, Los Angeles is a wonderful and multi-dimensional city which literally contains a strong dose of just about everything. One of the aspects that my family and I treasure is the wilderness space that has somehow survived centuries of human habitation in this area. We live in an area known as the Hollywood Dell. It is one of the dozens of L.A. neighborhoods that border on the Santa Monica mountain range stretching from Griffith Park to the Pacific. We chose this area precisely because of its proximity to "open" space and wildlife, natural resources that renew us, and I believe make us better humans, more aware of where we come from as well as our responsibility to our surroundings .

As a high school teacher and administrator who has always worked in the South-Central Los Angeles community, I have for the last 18 years brought my students from that area to the Santa Monica Mountains to expose them to the views, hikes, and encounters with nature that are unique to these areas. Once there, it's common for them to ask, in the middle of a hike or other activity, "Where are we?" They cannot believe that we are in Los Angeles, as their conception of the city leaves no room for such spaces and experiences.

The place I'm coming from is not a "I want to protect what is mine" position. These spaces belong to everyone, and one day I won't be around anymore to enjoy them, but millions of others will, and they should have the right to take those walks and hikes and see those habitats and animals just as we do now. We all know that development is putting increasing pressure on the species that live in the mountains and hills, and we are taking notice of increased incidents of "wild" animals entering residential spaces in their search for food. A recent news story regarding the mountain lion P-22's entering our neighborhood and subsequently becoming seriously ill due to ingestion of household rat poison illustrated the real dangers of this phenomenon. One day, unless we, and especially you, take action, none of this will exist, and that would indeed represent a serious and irretrievable loss for our city.

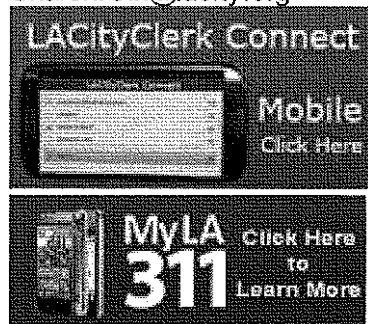
Please make a statement in favor of present and future generations of Angelinos by passing the Wildlife

Habitat Linkage Zones initiative.

Thank You,

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From: **jennifer van zyl** <jennifervanzyl@mac.com>
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Subject: SUPPORT COUNCIL FILE 14-0518 - Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zones

Dear Councilmembers Huizar and members of the PLUM Committee,

We are Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife and I support a Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zone ordinance.

Los Angeles is a unique city in that it has a wilderness mountain range running through its center stretching from Griffith Park to the Pacific Ocean. For thousands of years wildlife have been traveling in regular migratory patterns and ranges to hunt and breed within those Santa Monica Mountains but ever increasing population and building density in the hillsides are changing entire species and endangered their viability.

As wildlife habitats are blocked those animals that survive (such as our Griffith Park mountain lion P22) are being forced down into the urban zones to find food and are increasingly encountering humans. The timing for this motion for a wildlife habitat linkage ordinance is critical. It needs to be passed now.

Most sincerely,

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