

## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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John A. Mirisch, Mayor

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Faisal Alserri Senior Planning Deputy Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz 200 North Spring Street, Room 440 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Alserri,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am writing in strong support of the establishment and protection of Regional Wildlife Habitat and Linkage Zones in the Santa Monica Mountains.

We are all very fortunate to live in a region where we have the best of urban living side-by-side with natural beauty and a rich array of wildlife. However, the critical natural byways connecting so many creatures with their means of sustenance are in danger from development. It is imperative that the City of Los Angeles identify and protect these corridors now, before development permanently damages the populations that lived here long before humans arrived. With careful planning we can peacefully coexist with nature.

I urge the Planning and Land Use Management Committee to pass this motion and support its swift approval by the Los Angeles City Council

Sincerely,

John A. Mirisch

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills