



Fwd: SUPPORT COUNCIL FILE 14-0518 - Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zones

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Dear Chairman Huizar and Honorable Members of the PLUM Committee,

I am a Citizen 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 East LA to 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.

Such an action will prevent further injuries and deaths to wildlife, and protect the remaining open spaces, ecosystems and wildlife linkages that exist. Incursions into the habitat of wildlife in the city is counter to the intent and protections offered under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

It needs to be passed now.

Sincerely,

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