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200 North Spring Street, Room 395
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**Re-Zoning of Parcels in Cahuenga Pass, 2864 Cahuenga Boulevard East,
Santa Monica Mountains (Council File 14-1479)**

President Wesson and Honorable Councilmembers:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy supports the motions presented by Councilmember Ryu to rescind the March 18, 2015 Council Action, relative to the re-zoning of two vacant parcels off of Cahuenga Boulevard adjacent to Lake Hollywood (Assessor Parcel Nos. 5577-016-001 and 5577-016-002). The original March 18, 2015 Action, if allowed to stand, would circumvent part of the Department of City Planning's review process, and deprive the community of the opportunity to offer valuable input on projects on these two ecologically significant properties.

Development of these parcels has the potential to result in significant adverse impacts to wildlife movement in the Cahuenga Pass area. The proposed changes to zoning for these two parcels, the requested General Plan Amendment, and other requested entitlements should be subject to the same review process normally required for any other proposed project of this size and scope.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this matter at 310-589-3200, ext. 128, by e-mail at edelman@smmc.ca.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Edelman".

PAUL EDELMAN
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