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RE: CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR'S 2016-17 PROPOSED BUDGET – NCSA COOL BLOCKS LA PILOT PROGRAM

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Dear Budget & Finance Committee members:

I have volunteered to participate in the Cool Blocks LA Pilot program because I believe in Education. There is only one way to educate for sustainable development and it is by empowerment of communities. Sustainability is not only about training, and compliance with regulations, it is a about a change in the mindset of the community and government officials alike. And it is through transformative dialogue that the sustainability goals will be met.

I do not believe that we have a recipe to resolve this issue. The Pilot program is a promising act that involves dedicated members of the community that will serve as liaisons between government and community. They experience the needs and voices of the community.

As Professor of mathematics and science, I understand the difficulties of communicating science to different sections of the society. There is no other way to change the hearts and minds of a society other than hard work and dedication of committed people. The Cool Blocks LA Pilot program is one attempt to outreach and start a discourse on how we as society will take the responsibility to resolve the climate change issue where human population is continuously increasing and cities are sprawling into megalopolis.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Sincerely,
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Budget & Finance Request: Wildlife Corridor/ Residential Environmental Review Personnel in Planning Department

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Honorable Councilmembers Krekorian, Blumenfield, Bonin, Englander and Koretz:

Less than one month ago, the PLUM Committee unanimously passed our Wildlife Corridor Motion described in Council File No. 14-0518 and subsequently you all passed this in full Council. [The Los Angeles Times editorial board](#) and [LA City Watch](#) have endorsed this motion, as well as a variety of [other media outlets](#) that reported and are keeping an eye on the outcome that we shared with our supporters. Moreover, please remember that 11 environmental organizations signed on to support this motion (attached).

Now as the budget is in front of you please keep in mind that the Wildlife Corridor Habitat Linkage Zone is not a cost to the City and will pay dividends toward a healthy wildlife and ecosystem for Angelinos as a whole. For many years Los Angeles Planning Department had a residential environmental review that was weeded out with economic hardships for the city. This Friday when you consider budgets, please reconsider and enhance environmental review. Please allow for a qualified biologist or wildlife scientist in Planning who can make professional determinations about the effect of a building project on the surrounding environment. For too long Los Angeles policies have passed without consideration to the larger environment but we are out of time.

Please find the funds for a full-time position in Planning to specifically focus on wildlife corridor, ridgeline ordinances and any other open space wildlife habitat compliance issues. Inclusion of this position will help to realize the intention of your vote last month.

Respectfully,

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Honorable Los Angeles City Councilmembers:

Thank you for hearing Council File 14-0518 on April 19th, 2016.

As population pressures expand, it is paramount to maintain the environmental qualities that make Los Angeles such an amazing place in which both to live and visit. By supporting Councilmember Koretz's proposed Wildlife Corridor Ordinance, Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the undersigned groups, representing more than 380,000 members and supporters in California, express a deep commitment to preserve habitat connectivity in the Santa Monica Mountains between Griffith Park and the San Diego (I-405) freeway.

The objective of the motion is to establish a Regional Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zone in this unique section of the Santa Monica Mountains that extends almost to downtown. Within this Zone, a new City Ordinance would require the preparation of a habitat constraints analysis prior to the construction of a new home or the creation of new lots. Within the Zone, just one improperly sited single-family residence could permanently sever the movement of larger mammals and subsequently disrupt ecosystems between the I-405 freeway and Griffith Park. As part of the process, significant development or blockage of critical habitat connections would be prohibited within the Zone.

The sustainability of our urban wildlife populations is at a dangerous tipping point. Please protect and enhance the Public Trust by adopting this innovative motion.

Respectfully,

Co-Directors Alison Simard, Tony Tucci, Shawn Silver
Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW)

Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Council File 14-0518 Organizational Support Sign-On Letter
April 19th, 2016

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