

Communication from Public

Name: Edwin Hernandez

Date Submitted: 03/20/2020 10:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0002-S20

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, As a Los Angeles resident, I am urging you to support and pass the resolution in Council File #20-0002-S20. This important resolution ends lethal depredation permits for mountain lions and instead establishes a fund to reimburse any affected individual who loses an animal to a mountain lion. It also lists the Southern California/Central Coast Evolutionary Significant Unit (ESU) of Mountain Lions as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act. When voters approved Proposition 117 in 1990, they voted to protect mountain lions from sport hunting. But today, these animals are in danger again, not from hunters but from a variety of deadly, human-caused problems such as a rodenticide, climate change, and the destruction of wildlife corridors. It is more important than ever that we protect this species, which has been estimated to be at risk of extinction within the next 50 years. We are racing against the clock to protect our wildlife and natural habitats, and issuing permits to kill these essential apex predators is a step backward. As a progressive leader for animal welfare, Los Angeles can and should adopt this resolution to stop the death of native species. Please support and pass this vital resolution right away. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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Name: Susan M Ryan

Date Submitted: 03/21/2020 03:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Firstly, I am grieved that one of the 2 breeding males in our local mountain lion group was killed! How did this happen? Which agency isn't "on board" in the effort to protect endangered species, and which agency or individuals are issuing these permits? The loopholes that allow any hunting of endangered species need to be closed NOW. This incident needs to be addressed at both a legal and inter-agency level, so that it doesn't happen again. Ever. My first contribution to any non-profit organization was to the National Wildlife Federation when they were asking for funds to begin a wildlife bridge over the 101 freeway. What is the human race doing killing off entire species of animals? Are we so stupid or arrogant as to suppose that we can exist for long on this planet without these animals? Without the key places they occupy in our myriad ecosystems? And this mountain lion was killed for the momentary satisfaction of some recreational hunter?! I would really like to string up the individual or agency that issued this permit, but much of my anger and outrage over this incident would be mitigated if these loopholes we closed. DO IT NOW! 1

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