

Communication from Public

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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. Sincerely, Audrey Genevieve Holland Resident of West Hollywood