

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members, I urge you to pass the resolution (council file #20-0002-S20). It is imperative that we save California's mountain lions as they are part of our native and cultural heritage. Once they are gone, we cannot bring them back. As the world struggles with the pandemic, part of the solution going forward will be to save our wild spaces from human encroachment and allow them to remain wild. Mountain lions are a part of the ecosystem of California and desperately need to be protected. 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. I implore you to pass this vital resolution right away. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. Sincerely, Carla Corwin