

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to creating a Wildlife Corridor in the eastern area of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz - Huizar, et al.):

1. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning (DCP), with the assistance of the City Attorney, and in consultation with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and citizen advocates such as, but not limited to Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) and the Mulholland Design Review Board (MDRB), to prepare and present an ordinance to create a Wildlife Corridor in the eastern area of the Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance Zone) that requires the following:
 - a) Do not issue any building or grading permits until project applicants ensure that they will permanently accommodate wildlife habitat connectivity as part of their development projects.
 - b) Require easements and deed restrictions in perpetuity to protect wildlife habitat connectivity.
 - c) Formally designate the area as a Regional Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zone in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, in as much as just one single family residential project can cause adverse impacts to the existing and threatening wildlife population.
 - d) Require a Biological Constraints Checklist as part of every new building project will undergo a 'habitat connectivity and wildlife permeability review' within areas of concern.

2. INSTRUCT the DCP to report on the feasibility of identifying the areas within the City of Los Angeles, which are in or within 500 feet of the entire National Park Service, Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resources Study Area (February 2016) as a "Potential Regional Wildlife Habitat Linkage Zone", and provide a system of informing all applicants of building permits and planning approvals that they are within this Zone and should make feasible accommodations for wildlife linkages; require the accommodation of wildlife linkage areas with map design guidelines, during the approval process of any subdivision of land or lot line adjustments, within this zone; and report on the feasibility of the DCP to incorporate these maps and critical Wildlife linkage areas at the time of Community Plan updates.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

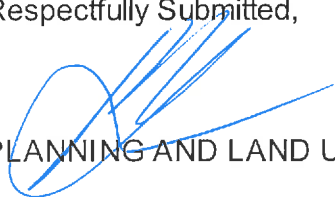
Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Encino Neighborhood Council
Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council
Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
Studio City Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on April 19, 2016, the PLUM Committee considered the Motion (Koretz - Huizar, et al.). Staff from the DCP provided the Committee information on the matter. Representative from Council District 4 spoke in support of the Motion. A friendly amendment from Councilmember Krekorian was introduced and discussed. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations in the Motion, with the amendment from Councilmember Krekorian, to create a Wildlife Corridor in the eastern area of the Santa Monica Mountains. This matter is now submitted to the Council for it's consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
HUIZAR	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON	YES
CEDILLO	ABSENT
ENGLANDER	YES
FUENTES	YES

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