

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, for years, mountain lions and other animals have been threatened by the dangerous and imposing barrier of the U.S. 101 and other freeways that divide once-continuous wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, since National Park Service biologists began researching mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains in 2002, motorists have struck and killed a dozen of the animals in the study area; and

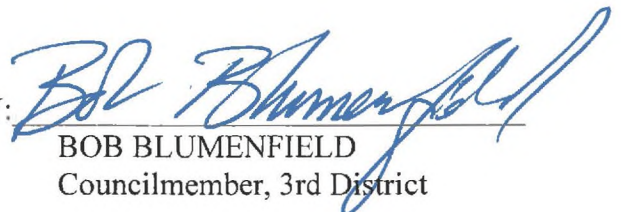
WHEREAS, researchers have identified the area near Liberty Canyon Road in Agoura Hills as a critical location for a wildlife corridor that would connect the Santa Monica Mountains on the south with the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) recently released a study that concluded that a 165-foot-wide, 200-foot-long wildlife corridor overpass at Liberty Canyon road was feasible; and

WHEREAS, the next step will be to undertake an environmental impact document, which will be funded by a \$1 million grant from the State Coastal Conservancy;

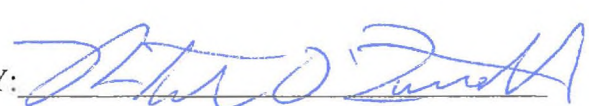
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for the proposal by the California Department of Transportation to construct a landscaped wildlife corridor bridge over the U.S. 101 Freeway in Agoura Hills.

PRESENTED BY:



BOB BLUMENFIELD  
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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