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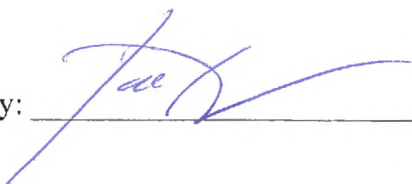
California's ever-worsening drought increasingly afflicts all the residents of the State and City, including its wildlife.

Coyotes, mountain lions, bears and other animals are leaving their homes in the wildlife areas in and around the City in a desperate search for water. This search is resulting in a greater exposure to neighborhoods and therefore to domestic animals. Cats and small dogs are consequently disappearing. Parents of small children are also concerned for their children's safety.

It is also unfortunate for wildlife to be hunted or destroyed for simply following their natural need to find water. As an international leader on environmental and animal welfare issues, Los Angeles has a moral imperative to protect all of its animals, both wild and domestic.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Animal Services, in consultation and partnership with the Department of Recreation and Parks and other local wildlife agencies and organizations, to report to the Council in 30 days with a plan to provide watering troughs or other solutions to provide water to wildlife in the City's nature areas, such as the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area and Griffith Park, including possibilities for outside donations and crowdfunding campaigns.

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