

MOTION

P-22 was the City of Los Angeles' most famous mountain lion. In 2012, after living in the Santa Monica Mountains, P-22 made the treacherous 50-mile journey—crossing two major freeways—and found his way to his new permanent home, Griffith Park.

After his discovery, P-22 became the inspiration for many podcasts, news articles, and a devoted fan club. P-22 served as the subject of scientific research and a catalyst for environmental initiatives.

P-22 sparked important conversations emphasizing the need for wildlife corridors—networks of bridges, tunnels, and greenways that would allow animals to safely navigate the deadly, car-centric infrastructure that has carved up their habitats. This became ever more apparent when, on December 13, 2022, P-22 was struck by a vehicle while attempting to cross a Los Feliz intersection. Due to the severity of his injuries, old age, declining health, and recent attacks on pets in residential areas, the decision was made for P-22 to be euthanized.

Following a tribal ceremony, led by four local tribes, P-22 was laid to rest in the Santa Monica Mountains on March 4, 2023.

P-22 will remain an important icon for the City of Los Angeles. His story will be remembered as an environmental catalyst for change, providing a better understanding of urban wildlife and Los Angeles' infrastructure.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the Cultural Affairs Department, the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and any other involved City department, be requested to report back with a proposal, with associated cost, to install a memorial, including the possibility of a statue, for P-22 on the Tom LaBonge Panorama Trail in Griffith Park.

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