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VIA EMAIL

July 14, 2016

Re: Support Friends of Runyon Canyon MOU

Dear Councilmember Ryu, President Patsouras, and Commissioners:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 45 resident and homeowner associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. At its meeting of July 13, 2016, the Federation voted to support the continuing efforts of the Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation (FORC) and continue its Memorandum of Understanding with the City.

Runyon Canyon is a very heavily used urban wilderness in the heart of Los Angeles, and is in need of substantial restoration efforts for trail maintenance, erosion control, and storm water runoff, among other critical needs. FORC has demonstrated its success by raising \$100,000 for Runyon Canyon in 2015. The Hillside Federation previously joined with FORC to support efforts by the Trust for Public Land for the Runyon Canyon Knoll land acquisition, which adds open green space, extends a wildlife corridor and preserves a Runyon hiking trail. It is vitally important that FORC be permitted to continue its partnership with Recreation & Parks.

The Hillside Federation urges the Department of Recreation & Parks Board of Commissioners to continue the Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims
Charley Mims, President

Cc: Recreation & Parks General Manager, Michael Shull