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May 11, 2020

Re: **Opposition to Budget Scale-back of Wildlife Pilot Study (CF 20-0600)**

Dear Councilmembers:

The Hillside Federation, founded in 1952 and representing 44 resident and homeowner associations with 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains strongly supports the Wildlife Pilot Study. The Wildlife Pilot Study exemplifies the Federation's mission to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.

The Federation was thrilled when the City adopted the forward-thinking Wildlife Pilot Study. Now we are aghast that the City is considering dropping funding for this program. We recognize the need to revise the city's budget due to the impact of the loss of revenue due to the coronavirus; however preserving wildlife connectivity is a quality of life issue for all Angelenos. As the City builds higher and higher and increases density to accommodate more housing, it is more important than ever to preserve invaluable open spaces. These urban wildlands provide much-needed aesthetic, psychological and recreational balance in our increasingly unbalanced urban lives. Furthermore, it is our responsibility as stewards of the planet to care about and for the animals whose home it also is. But the bottom line is that the future—all of our futures—hangs on preserving biodiversity.

The funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study is relatively minimal in the City's budget yet it provides maximal bang for the buck. The City will be reaping the economic benefits of this vital program for years to come – if the City has the foresight to retain its funding. The Federation urges you to continue to fund the Wildlife Pilot Study.

Sincerely,

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