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Budget and Finance Committee

May 3, 2021

Re: **CF 21-0600**  
**2021 - 2022 Budget**      **Wildlife Pilot Study**

Argyle Civic Assn.  
Beachwood Canyon NA  
Bel-Air Assn.  
Bel-Air Hills Assn.  
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners  
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners  
Benedict Canyon Association  
Brentwood Hills Homeowners  
Brentwood Residents Coalition  
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners  
Canyon Back Alliance  
Crests Neighborhood Assn.  
Dixie Canyon Assn.  
Doheny-Sunset Plaza NA  
Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. West  
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.  
Highlands Owners Assn.  
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.  
Hollywood Heights Assn.  
Hollywoodland HOA  
Holmby Hills Homeowners Assn.  
Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.  
Lake Hollywood HOA  
Laurel Canyon Assn.  
LFIA (Los Feliz)  
Mt. Olympus Property Owners  
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.  
Nichols Canyon NA  
N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon  
Oak Forest Canyon HOA  
Oaks Homeowners Assn.  
Outpost Estates HOA  
Pacific Palisades Res. Assn.  
Residents of Beverly Glen  
Save Coldwater Canyon!  
Save Our Canyon  
Shadow Hills POA  
Sherman Oaks HOA  
Silver Lake Heritage Trust  
Studio City Residents Assn.  
Sunset Hills HOA  
Tarzana POA  
Torreyson Flynn Assn.  
Upper Mandeville Canyon Assn.  
Upper Nichols Canyon NA  
Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Dear Chair Krekorian and Councilmembers:

The Hillside Federation, founded in 1952, represents 46 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. Our mission is 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 has actively supported the staffing and completion of the Wildlife Pilot Study and Wildlife Corridor Ordinance.

Los Angeles is unique in that it is the only major city with a mountain range running through it. Mayor Garcetti has referred to it as the gem of the city, stretching the length of Mulholland Drive to Griffith Park. Both are major tourist attractions, but more than that, parks and open space in the mountains provide refuge for the city's residents to escape from the stress of urban living especially during COVID restrictions. The Planning Director recently issued a memo greatly reducing review of projects along the Mulholland Scenic Corridor because it would be covered by the Wildlife Pilot Study. This was a strange decision to make considering the fact that Planning is complaining that they don't have enough staff and the Design Review Board has been reviewing projects for free.

Meanwhile the Mayor cut funding for the Wildlife Study. There is a disconnect in City Hall. Both of these entities need to be restored. City Council needs to restore funding to complete the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance and staff its 4 positions, which is a very small amount in the city's budget. City Council also needs to rescind the Planning Director's Memorandum and restore review of projects in the Outer Corridor by the Design Review Board. The Wildlife Corridor Ordinance and Mulholland Design Review Board will both ensure a proper balance of nature and development within the Santa Monica Mountains.

The protection of our natural habitat demands it. The physical and mental health of our residents demand it.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims

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