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AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Agenda - September 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm

via Video Conference

1. Call to Order
 1. Guest Series: Getting to Know Candidates
 1. Molly Basler – Candidate Council District 5
 2. Teddy Kapur – Candidate, LA City Attorney
 2. Wildlife Ordinance update - Daniel Skolnick/Ali Simard CD 5
 3. CD 4 Deputy - Mehmet Berker
2. Approval of minutes – Robin Greenberg
3. Officers' Reports
 1. President's Report – Charley Mims
 2. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres
4. Old Business
 1. Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum update - Don Andres
 2. SB 9 & 10 update - Don Andres
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

Next meeting October 19, 2021

July 20, 2021 - Draft Minutes

NEWS

A Conversation on Los Angeles Wildlife Corridors



From UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

[RSVP for the Webinar](#)

Wildlife corridors connect areas of habitat and provide a vital pathway through human development that could otherwise impede biological life of all kinds. Over time, structures like

buildings, roads and fences can be barriers to wildlife movement and survival as they fragment the habitat into smaller and smaller pieces.

In April 2020 the California Fish and Wildlife Commission found that it may be warranted to list mountain lions as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) within a proposed evolutionarily significant unit (ESU) located in Southern California. This ESU includes the Santa Monica Mountains in Los Angeles. Under CESA, a candidate species is afforded the same protection as listed species and is CESA-protected during the ongoing review period. Other species of plants and animals in the same area may be similarly threatened if aggressive protective steps are not taken.

In July 2021, the UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge released its [Ecosystem Health Report Card for Los Angeles County](#), which dedicated a chapter to Land Use and Habitat Quality that covered habitat connectivity and fragmentation and corridor projects throughout the region. The report card found that only 57% of critical habitat corridors in the county are protected, and recommended policy to increase that protection to 100% to ensure no more extinction in one of the nation's only biodiversity hotspots.

The Los Angeles City Council is leading efforts to protect these irreplaceable natural resources as they contemplate the city's first-ever pilot [Wildlife Ordinance District](#), which was developed to balance wildlife habitat and connectivity with private property development and residents in western Los Angeles, mainly between the 101 and 405 freeways and within the Santa Monica Mountains.

On [September 21](#), please join the UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge for a conversation on Los Angeles wildlife corridors and the pending ordinance, which is currently open for public comment.

Joining us in this online event:

- Author of the legislation that spurred the ordinance, **Los Angeles City Council Member Paul Koretz, 5th District**, with opening remarks
- The **Los Angeles City Planning Department**, with an overview of the Wildlife Ordinance
- A panel of **UCLA experts** in environmental law, biodiversity, arts and architecture and urban planning with perspectives on the ordinance and its beneficial impacts on wildlife and Angelenos alike

General Plan Housing and Safety Element Public Hearing



From LA City Planning

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Presentation 11 am - 11:30 am

Public Comment 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

[Click to join meeting](#)

Zoom Meeting Password: 824297

Save the date for the Plan to House LA Virtual Public Hearing. This is your opportunity to give a public comment on the Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element. The City is also soliciting comments on the targeted update to the Safety Element, and amendments to the Health and Wellness Element, or Plan for a Healthy LA.

A full revised draft of all documents will be released ahead of the hearing in September. Prior to the public hearing, staff will give a short presentation highlighting changes to the documents that have occurred since the last draft was released in early July. For information on the draft plans please view the Draft Housing and Safety Element webinar.

To read the July draft housing element [click here](#), to read the July draft Safety Element and Plan for a Healthy LA amendments [click here](#).

Registration is not required.

ABOUT THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION

The Hillside Federation is a public benefit non-profit 501(c)(3) organization *founded in 1952*. Our mission is to protect the property and the quality of life of the residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs, and 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.

Organizations

Argyle Civic Association
Beachwood Canyon NA
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Bel Air Skycrest POA
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Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass POA
Canyon Back Alliance
Crests Neighborhood
Dixie Canyon Association
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Franklin Hills Residents Association
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn
Highlands Owners Assn
Hollywood Dell Civic Association
Hollywood Heights Association
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Holmby Hills HOA
Kagel Canyon Civic

Lake Hollywood Homeowners
Laurel Canyon Association
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Studio City Residents Association
Sunset Hills Homeowners
Tarzana Property Owners
Torreyson-Flynn Association
Upper Mandeville Canyon Association
Upper Nichols Canyon NA
Whitley Heights Civic Association

Bring an Issue to the Federation

If your organization would like to bring an issue to the attention of the Federation, please complete a [Request for Action form](#) and send it to RFA@hillsidefederation.org along with supporting documents no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your presentation while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization's request.

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We're fighting to protect the Santa Monica Mountains, hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs and we can't do it without you. In order to do the important work we do, we rely entirely on support from people like you!



Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund

In honor of his great achievements, the Hillside Federation has established the Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund to provide resources to help maintain and improve the Jerry Daniel Overlook on Mulholland Drive above the Hollywood Bowl, as well as resources for other environmentally sensitive efforts in his memory.

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