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Re: SUPPORT Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Appeal of
BPW-2017-1178, ENV-2015-1843-MND (Council File # 18-0278)
Project Site: 2251 Nichols Canyon Road

Honorable Councilmember Ryu:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 42 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The Federation's 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. At its meeting of April 4, 2018, the Federation voted to support an appeal of the above-captioned approval and environmental clearance to the City Council by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy ("SMMC").

The property at 2251 Nichols Canyon Road contains a blue line stream with year-round flow at the base of a steep slope. This pristine area of riparian and woodland habitat is situated, and provides a vital wildlife corridor, between the SMMC's Trebek Open Space and open space to the west. The mitigated negative declaration ("MND") is inadequate for failing to address project impacts on the stream and wildlife habitat and movement across and through the eastern Santa Monica Mountains.

In addition, project approvals include a tree removal permit for removal of a Southern California Black Walnut, Western Sycamore, and California Bay trees. The significant environmental impacts of these tree removals is not adequately mitigated in the MND.

The Federation urges you to support the SMMC's appeal of the project MND and all associated project approvals that rely on it, including the tree removal permit.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims

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cc: City Council, SMMC

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