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Local, state, and federal elected officials via email

March 17, 2023

Re: Support Acquisition of Senderos Canyon (Hoag Canyon) CF 23-0129

Dear Elected Official:

The Hillside Federation representing 46 resident and homeowner associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains enthusiastically supports Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky's motion seeking strategies to preserve Senderos Canyon (also known as Hoag Canyon) and identify various options to fund the purchase of the property. The mission of the Hillside Federation 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.

We have a unique opportunity to purchase this 260 acres of pristine habitat which contains the most ecologically significant riparian corridor in the Santa Monica Mountains east of the 405 freeway. Its perennial stream preserves watershed health and protects aquatic and terrestrial species. Senderos Canyon provides critical wildlife connectivity to open spaces to the east such as Griffith Park.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to save open space and help meet the Governor's 30X30 goal of preserving 30% of land and to support President Biden's America the Beautiful initiative to help combat climate change and the biodiversity crisis.

The Hillside Federation urges all our elected representatives to find the resources necessary to acquire this amazing habitat.

Sincerely,

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