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Honorable Paul Krekorian
Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Sprint Street, Room 435
Los Angeles, CA 90012

November 5, 2019

Re: **Appeal of BPW-2019-0508 (Council File 19-1134)**
11472 West Laurelcrest Drive

Honorable Councilmember Krekorian:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations (“Federation”) founded in 1952 represents 42 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The mission of the Federation is to 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 October 15, 2019, the Federation voted to support the above-captioned appeal of the Board of Public Work’s determination that the tree removal permit is categorically exempt from environmental review.

In determining to support the appeal Federation members reviewed the tree permit application file, including objection letters submitted by the appellant and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (“SMMC”), as well as substantial evidence regarding potentially significant environmental impacts from experts Land Protection Partners and Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc. Based on our review of the record, the Federation agrees entirely with SMMC Deputy Director Paul Edelman that a categorical exemption for the proposed project is inadequate and compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act minimally requires no less than a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Federation notes that in voting against the project, Board of Public Works Chair Kevin James came to the same conclusion.

The Federation urges you to support the appeal and require adequate environmental review before the proposed project can be considered for approval.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims
President
The Hillside Federation

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