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March 23, 2023

**Re: Acquisition of Walnut Canyon**

Honorable Representative Gomez:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 46 homeowner and resident associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, from Pacific Palisades to Mt. Washington. The Federation's mission is to protect the property and quality of life of its over 250,000 constituents and to conserve the natural habitat and appearance of the hillside and mountain areas in which they live.

Federation members voted unanimously to support the efforts to secure funding in order to purchase Walnut Canyon to be preserved as open space parkland for passive recreation and wildlife connectivity.

The approximately 4-acre Walnut Canyon property has been used by local residents for decades as a popular hiking trail. It is populated by oak and California Black Walnut trees (both protected species) as well as coastal sage scrub, and is home to wildlife, including foxes, bobcats, coyotes, owls and over 40 species of resident and migratory birds according to the Cooper Report (Ecological Assessment of Open Space Remnants in Northeastern Los Angeles commissioned by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority). If this property were to be developed, it would result in the loss of a recreational trail, loss of open space, loss of protected trees, and loss of wildlife habitat. Walnut Canyon offers a rare opportunity to create passive recreation to serve densely populated, underserved communities in Northeast Los Angeles.

The Hillside Federation joins community groups and hundreds of individual community members in requesting funding so that this magnificent property can be preserved as open space for passive recreational use for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims

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