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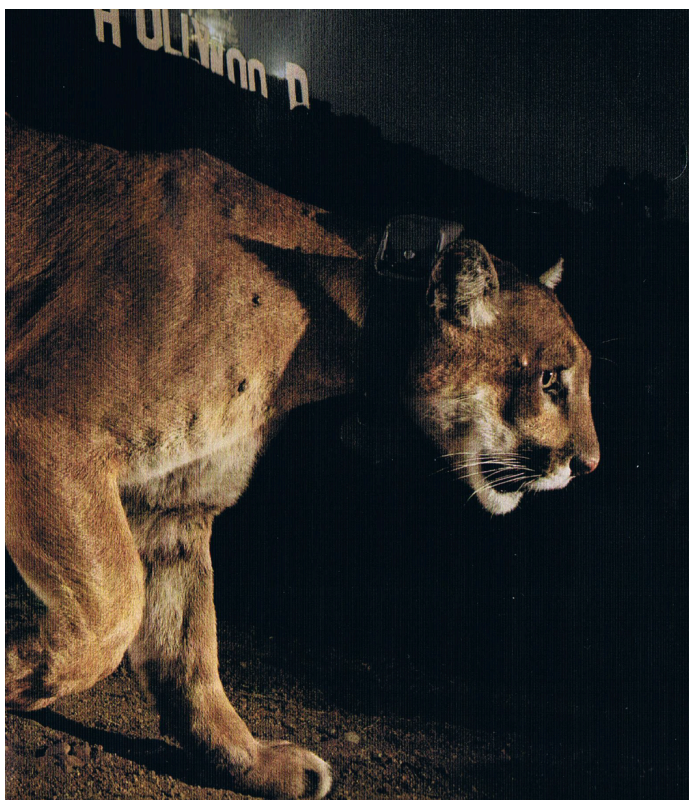
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Re: **AB 2422** - California Natural Predator Protection Act of 2018

Dear Assemblymembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952 represents 43 resident and homeowner associations with 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains in Los Angeles. The mission of the Federation is to promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the hillsides. The Federation supports a YES vote on AB 2422.

To see the importance of passing this legislation, one needs to look no further than photographs of Griffith Park's resident mountain lion P-22. The now internationally famous mountain lion was a picture of good health when National Geographic photographer Steve Winter got this photo of him.



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Later National Park Service biologists tracking P-22 took this photo of him in a trap. Not quite the same magnificent creature, is he? He was suffering from a severe case of mange exacerbated by immunodeficiency from rodenticides. He had both first and second generation rodenticides in his system. Mountain lions prefer a diet of deer, but if there are none available, they will eat a coyote who may have eaten a rat who had eaten rat poison. Thus the poison works its way up the food chain inflicting tremendous collateral damage on our native wildlife.

NPS pumped P-22 full of Vitamin K to stop the bleeding and treated the mange. Thanks to their diligence, P-22 has recovered; however he could be subjected to another attack because rodenticides are still being used in the area around the park.



It is absolutely critical that we stop the use of these highly dangerous rodenticides now.

The Hillside Federation urges a Yes vote on AB 2422.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims

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