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Joseph Edmiston, Executive Director
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road
Malibu, California 90265

November 4, 2013

Re: **#14 Acquisition of parcel APN 2274-018-014,**
3967 Camino de la Cumbre

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners
Bel Air Ridge Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills Homeowners
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners
Canyon Back Alliance
Crests Neighborhood Assn.
Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. West
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.
Highlands Owners Assn.
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.
Hollywood Heights Assn.
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Holmby Hills Homeowners Assn.
Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.
Lake Hollywood HOA
Laurel Canyon Assn.
Lookout Mountain Alliance
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.
Nichols Canyon Assn.
N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon
Oak Forest Canyon Assn.
Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.
Residents of Beverly Glen
Roscomare Valley Assn.
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks HO Assn.
Studio City Residents Assn.
Sunset Hills Homeowners Assn.
Tarzana Property Owners Assn.
Torreyson Flynn Assn.
Upper Mandeville Canyon
Upper Nichols Canyon NA
Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Dear Mr. Edmiston:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., representing 41 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, urges the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to authorize the use of Proposition 84 funds to acquire APN 2274-018-014 at 3967 Camino de la Cumbre for the Oak Forest Canyon wildlife corridor.

The acquisition of this parcel as a wildlife corridor has been a goal of the neighbors for many years because it will complete the last link in the Oak Forest Canyon wildlife corridor. The importance of wildlife corridors across the Santa Monicas cannot be underestimated as demonstrated by the intrepid mountain lion P-22 who somehow managed to cross the mountains from west of the 405 freeway, across the 101 freeway and make his way safely into Griffith Park. Other smaller animals are also moving throughout the mountains. This connectivity is critical to maintaining biodiversity for all species so it is in everyone's best interests to preserve and enhance open spaces to allow for animal movement throughout the mountains.

This is the opportune time to make this purchase as the property is now available to the MRCA at a reduced rate. The Conservancy has been attempting to acquire this property for a decade. Now there is a willing seller and a good price. This is the time to make it happen.

The Hillside Federation urges the SMMC to purchase this last parcel in the Oak Forest Canyon wildlife corridor now.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge

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