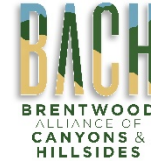




CITIZENS FOR
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WILDLIFE



May 26, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Los Angeles City Council:

On behalf of the undersigned organization, we want to thank you for the investment you've made in protecting wildlife connectivity and native biodiversity as you approve the FY 2021-22 budget. We want to give special thanks to the members of the Budget and Finance Committee, especially Chair Paul Krekorian.

In particular, we appreciate investments in four staff positions that will be critical to: 1) finalizing and implementing the wildlife ordinance and 2) advancing the wildlife corridors pilot study to apply to the Rim of the Valley.

Having advocated at City Hall for years around this issue, we know that there are still important details that need to be finalized, but we look forward to reviewing the draft ordinance and coordinating with the City Planning Department to ensure the final draft strongly protects the region's threatened and endangered species as well as the remaining habitat linkages that are essential to their survival.

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Sincerely,

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