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May 10, 2020

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RE: Support Restoring Emergency Budget Funding for the Wildlife Connectivity Project
 (Wildlife Corridors Project & Wildlife Pilot Study) Council File #14-0518 & Budget Council File #20-0600

Honorable Mayor Garcetti:

I am writing to urge you not to defund the Wildlife Corridors Project and the Wildlife Pilot Study within it. To do so would jeopardize protections for wildlife in the Santa Monica Mountains, which are an essential and unique feature of our City of Angels and provide many opportunities for Los Angeles residents and visitors to learn from and appreciate nature.

You were correct when you recently said that "There is literally no time to waste – because what we do in the next ten years will determine the health of our planet..." Millennia of evolution have endowed our local mountains with unique and irreplaceable flora and fauna. To allow destruction of the Wildlife Corridors Project now after the progress that has been made in understanding the interactions that sustain this mountain wildlife treasure in our city would be a terrible mistake. The Wildlife Corridors Project was funded in 2018 and is close to a draft ordinance. Rather than waste the efforts and data already collected, we urge you to continue this landmark project and restore funding even during this difficult time of budget restraints.

Since Councilmember (CM) Koretz's original motion in 2014, we have seen great support for preserving connectivity and biodiversity in Los Angeles. The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC) has closely followed and strongly supported the creation and progress of this project since its inception. Please see enclosed Community Impact Statement (CIS) from Council File #14-0518, with Board Resolution dated 07/28/2014, in Support of CM Koretz's wildlife connectivity motion, for the investigation into and the creation of Wildlife Corridors as they relate to new construction and development, and to preserve the wildlife corridors.
http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2014/14-0518_cis_7-28-14.pdf

Subsequent to the initiation of this project, the area of the project expanded further west, and a small area was designated for a Wildlife Pilot Study with the results to be applied to other hillside areas. As recently as March 7, 2020, BABCNC submitted a follow-up CIS, urging Planning to implement the Wildlife Pilot Study ASAP.
http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2014/14-0518_CIS_03072020112056_03-07-2020.pdf

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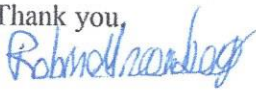
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We now urge you to reinstate funding for the Wildlife Corridors Project, which links wildlife habitats and will serve to protect the ecosystems of Los Angeles.

I, the undersigned, Robin Greenberg, am the President of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC). On May 1st, the BABCNC was disappointed to learn of your intention to defund Wildlife Connectivity Project. We just learned of the Special Budget and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Monday May 11th to address the emergency budget. In anticipation of our upcoming neighborhood council board meeting on May 22, 2020, I am writing on behalf of myself and the 32 board members, who will have an opportunity to ratify this letter at that time.

Thank you,



Robin Greenberg, President rgreenberg@babnc.org
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
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Date of NC Board Action: 06/25/2014

Type of NC Board Action: For Proposal

Impact Information

Date: 07/28/2014

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 14-0518

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Brief Summary: Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports Councilman Koretz's wildlife connectivity motion for the investigation into and creation of Wildlife Corridors as they relate to new construction and development, to preserve the wildlife corridors, and requests to be consulted by the City Attorney and Planning Department in the development of said ordinance should the motion be passed by the City Council.

Additional Information:



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June 25, 2014

Board Resolution in Support of Councilman Koretz's Motion 14-0518

We, Gary Plotkin and Robert Ringler, declare that we are the President and Vice President respectively of the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, and that on **June 25, 2014**, a Brown Act-noticed public meeting was held by the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council with a quorum of 12 board members present and that by a vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council adopted the following resolution:

Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports Councilman Koretz's wildlife connectivity motion for the investigation into and creation of Wildlife Corridors as they relate to new construction and development, to preserve the wildlife corridors, and requests to be consulted by the City Attorney and Planning Department in the development of said ordinance should the motion be passed by the City Council.

Details of the Motion:

WHEREAS, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council territory includes natural lands and low-density residential neighborhoods that allow wildlife movement in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains, and

WHEREAS, the process of land development in the BABCNC territory often involves actions that might affect wildlife movement, and

WHEREAS, viewing and enjoying wildlife is a unique experience characteristic of the quality of life in the BABCNC territory, and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Paul Koretz has introduced a motion (Council File 14-0518) to establish a process to develop and ordinance that would clearly delineate the responsibility of potential land developers to map maintain wildlife connectivity on properties to be developed to ensure that wildlife such as deer and bobcats can range through the eastern Santa Monica Mountains, and

WHEREAS, said motion was seconded by four City Councilmembers representing broad support across the City, and

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has begun to undertake the development of wildlife corridor maps within its territory and already currently advocates for measures similar to those being proposed by Councilmember Koretz,

WHEREAS, both private property interests and environmental considerations benefit by definite and consistent guidance on the environmental constraints and considerations in real estate development,

and

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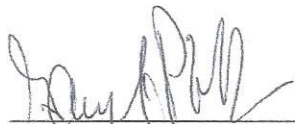
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THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports Councilmember Koretz's wildlife connectivity motion and requests to be consulted by the City Attorney and Planning Department in the development of said ordinance should the motion be passed by the City Council.

Therefore be it resolved that the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council approves the above motion as described.




Gary Plotkin,
President

7/23/2014

Date

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Robert Ringler,
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07/23/14

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Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

This is an automated response, please do not reply to this email.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(23) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/26/2020

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/07/2020

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 14-0518

Agenda Date: 02/26/2020

Item Number: 21.a.ii.

Summary: On February 26, 2020, a Brown-Act noticed public meeting was held by the BABCNC. With a quorum of 23 board members present, the governing Board of the BABCNC unanimously voted to update our CIS, to urge the Planning Department to implement the Wildlife Pilot Study as soon as possible.