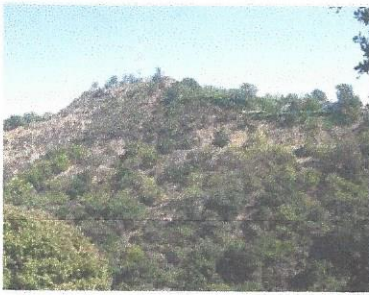


Measure HH: Local Fire Prevention and Open Space by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority



On the November 3, 2020 ballot - Measure HH: only for the Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills between the 405 freeway and Griffith Park

Measure HH will allow the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority to:

- ☒ **Protect against wildfires in our hillside communities**
- ☒ **Improve local fire prevention services, including new year-round brush clearing along the Mulholland Drive right of way that is currently not being cleared of dry flammable brush or fire hazards**
- ☒ **Deploy additional park ranger patrols on high fire risk days**
- ☒ **Improve fire safety around Mulholland Overlooks with additional irrigation and green space**
- ☒ **Protect and expand wildlife corridors to ensure animals and wildlife can survive**
- ☒ **Acquire and protect additional open space**
- ☒ **Improve local water quality in streams and reservoirs**

Los Angeles Times Sept. 11, 2020: "Underscoring how rising temperatures are fueling bigger, more destructive fires, six of the top 20 blazes ever in California have occurred this year."

DISTRICT

HH MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY - MEASURE HH

Vote **YES** or **NO**

To improve local wildfire prevention/ protection services including clearing dry brush/ fire hazards; protect local open space and wildlife corridors; park ranger patrols for wildfires and to prevent arson, vandalism and responsibly remove illegal encampments; and to protect local water quality, shall the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority measure establishing a \$68 special tax for ten years only be adopted, providing \$1,940,000 annually with independent citizen oversight and all money spent in the Santa Monica Mountains/ Hollywood Hills east of 405 freeway?

☐ **YES on Measure HH**

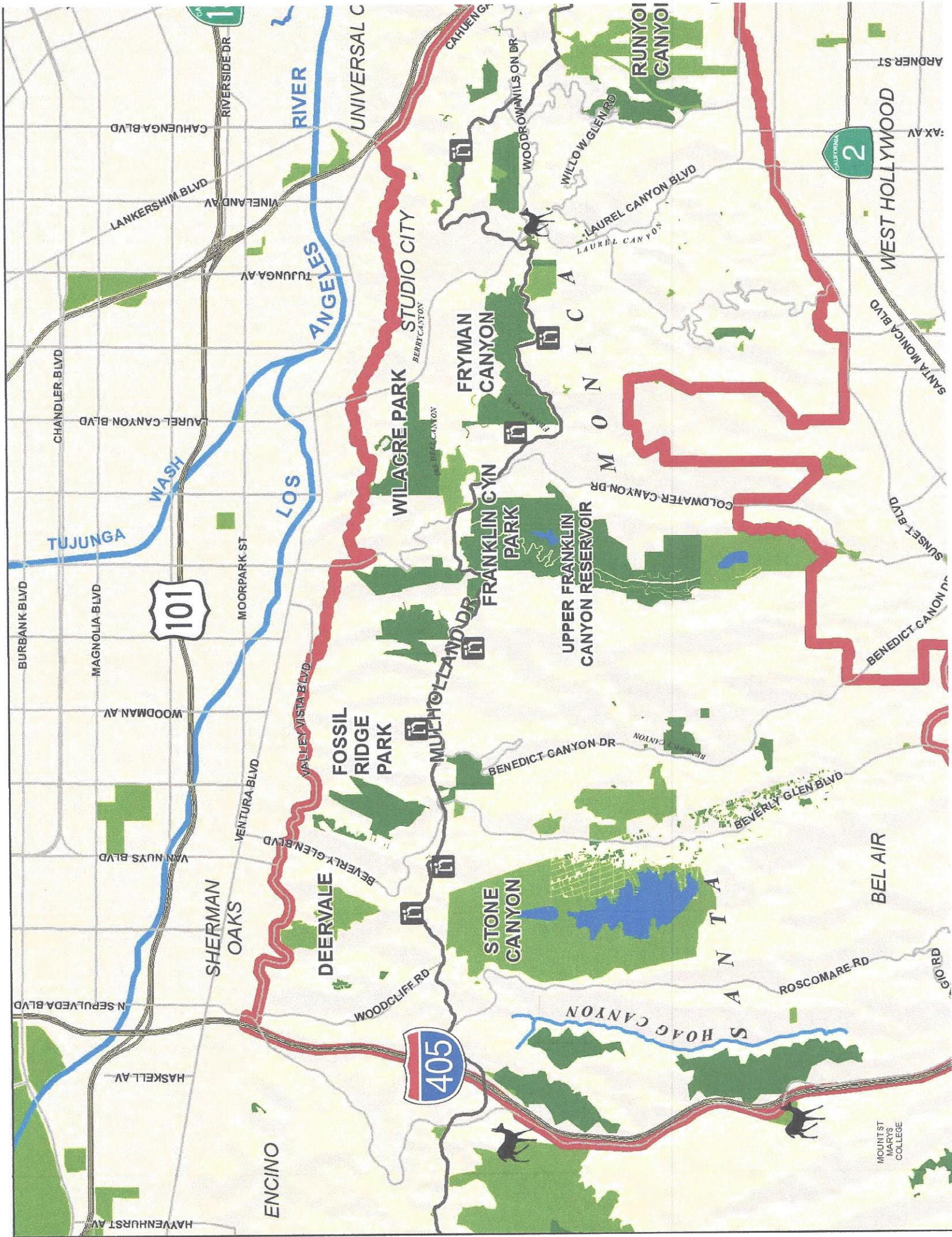
☐ **NO on Measure HH**

Warmer temperatures and record setting heat have increased the risk of wildfires. Measure HH will improve local fire prevention services, including the clearing of more dry flammable brush.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is the only public agency responsible for acquiring, maintaining and protection of local open space and wildlife corridors within the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains. Unlike most public agencies, the MRCA does not receive permanent ongoing funding from local or state taxes, and MRCA revenues have declined.

For \$68 per year for 10 years only, Measure HH will give the MRCA the resources it needs to improve local fire prevention and fire protection services, and to protect local open space.

100% of the funds generated by Measure HH can only be spent in the Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills between the 405 freeway and Griffith Park. A Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual audits will ensure this.



Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Measure HH: Local Fire Prevention and Open Space

On November 3, 2020, voters in the Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills areas between Griffith Park and the 405 Freeway will be asked to vote on Measure HH. Following is a summary of this measure:



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HH MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY - MEASURE HH Vote YES or NO

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☐ YES on Measure HH

☐ NO on Measure HH

Measure HH: only for the Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills between the 405 Freeway and Griffith Park

- Improve local fire prevention services, including:
 - o Improved clearing of dry flammable brush
 - o New brush clearing along areas of Mulholland Drive that are currently not being cleared for fire prevention
 - o New irrigated green areas around the Mulholland Overlooks to improve fire safety and visual aesthetics
 - o Improved park ranger patrols on high fire risk days
- Ensure that our local open spaces and wildlife corridors are preserved and maintained.
- Keep our communities safe with year-round park ranger safety and security patrols to prevent crime, arson, vandalism, and illegal encampments.
- Protect and improve local water quality in streams and reservoirs.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is the only public agency responsible for acquiring, maintaining, and protecting local open space, and wildlife corridors within the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains. Unlike most public agencies, the MRCA does not have dedicated funding to respond to increased risk of wildfires due to warmer temperatures and record hot days.





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Vote YES or NO

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☐ YES on Measure HH

☐ NO on Measure HH

COUNTY

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Vote For ONE

☐ JACKIE LACEY
Los Angeles County District Attorney

☐ GEORGE GASCÓN
Justice Reform Advocate

☐ Write-In Candidate

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Office No. 72

Vote For ONE

☐ STEVE MORGAN
Deputy District Attorney, County of Los Angeles

☐ MYANNA DELLINGER
Law Professor/Attorney

☐ Write-In Candidate

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Office No. 80

Vote For ONE

☐ DAVID A. BERGER
Deputy District Attorney, County of Los Angeles

☐ KLINT JAMES MCKAY
Administrative Law Judge, California Department of Social Services

☐ Write-In Candidate

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Office No. 162

Vote For ONE

☐ DAVID D. DIAMOND
Attorney/Law Professor

☐ SCOTT ANDREW YANG
Deputy District Attorney, County of Los Angeles

☐ Write-In Candidate

J COUNTY MEASURE J

Vote YES or NO

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION MINIMUM COUNTY BUDGET ALLOCATION. Shall the measure, annually allocating in the County's budget no less than ten percent (10%) of the County's locally generated unrestricted revenues in the general fund to address the disproportionate impact of racial injustice through community investment and alternatives to incarceration and prohibiting using those funds for carceral systems and law enforcement agencies as detailed in the ordinance adopting the proposed charter amendment, be adopted?

☐ YES on Measure J

☐ NO on Measure J

STATE

14 STATE MEASURE 14

Vote YES or NO

AUTHORIZES BONDS CONTINUING STEM CELL RESEARCH. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$5.5 billion state bonds for: stem cell and other medical research, including training; research facility construction; administrative costs. Dedicates \$1.5 billion to brain-related diseases. Appropriates General Fund moneys for repayment. Expands related programs. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds estimated at about \$260 million per year over the next roughly 30 years.

☐ YES on Measure 14

☐ NO on Measure 14

15 STATE MEASURE 15

Vote YES or NO

INCREASES FUNDING SOURCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES BY CHANGING TAX ASSESSMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Taxes such properties based on current market value, instead of purchase price. Fiscal Impact: Increased property taxes on commercial properties worth more than \$3 million providing \$6.5 billion to \$11.5 billion in new funding to local governments and schools.

☐ YES on Measure 15

☐ NO on Measure 15

Continue voting on other side

James D. ... 9/2/20

FULL TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE HH

MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY SPECIAL TAX FOR LOCAL FIRE PREVENTION, WATER QUALITY AND OPEN SPACE

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority ("MRCA") is a local park agency whose members include the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation and Park District, and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, that is responsible for maintaining and improving open space, parkland and wildlife corridors and for providing fire protection and prevention services and park ranger patrols and services within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone. The MRCA currently maintains over 1,850 acres of local open space, parkland and wildlife corridors, in the Santa Monica Mountains west of Griffith Park and east of Interstate 405 (the "405 Freeway"), (the "Eastern Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills Area" or the "Area").

Unlike most public agencies, the MRCA and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy do not receive permanent ongoing funding from local or state taxes. A major challenge the MRCA currently faces is that its revenues have decreased while costs to protect and maintain parks and open space and to prevent local wildfires have increased due to the greater use of public open space and parklands and warmer temperatures, which have increased the risk of wildfires. Additional park maintenance and expanded park ranger patrols and services are needed to maintain and protect MRCA lands, including unauthorized illegal encampments that create greater risks for wildfires.

Due to these factors, the fire risk and fire danger in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills Area is significantly higher. If this measure is approved, the MRCA would expand and improve its fire prevention services, including high fire alert patrols, and more extensive brush clearing on MRCA lands to reduce and eliminate fire hazards. This measure would also improve wildfire safety by funding new brush clearing services along Mulholland Drive in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills Area on lands that are owned by the City of Los Angeles and that are currently not being cleared of dry brush. This measure would also further improve local fire safety and visual aesthetics with new irrigated green areas around the Mulholland Overlooks.

The Santa Monica Mountains are home to many different plant and animal species. As human populations grow, it is critical that the wildlife corridors between the 405 Freeway and Griffith Park are permanently protected. These wildlife corridors are necessary to ensure mountain lions, deer and other remaining large animals can survive in the Area.

The MRCA is the only public agency that actively acquires and maintains open space and conservation easements for wildlife corridors in this Area. The MRCA also acquires and protects remaining open space lands from development in the Area.

Therefore, in order to maintain local fire protection and prevention services including brush clearing and improved fire prevention services such as new brush clearing and fire prevention services along Mulholland Drive on lands that are currently overgrown with dry flammable brush; responsibly removing illegal encampments; and new irrigation to maintain green vegetation around the Mulholland Overlooks which will improve fire safety and visual aesthetics; to continue to preserve and maintain extensive open space, parkland, wildlife corridors, natural habitats, lands, waters, and related facilities; to protect water quality in local creeks and streams; and to provide park ranger safety and security patrols and services, the MRCA is proposing a local special tax within a community facilities district located in a designated portion of the Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills located west of Griffith Park and east of the 405 Freeway, as shown on the map accompanying this proposition (the "Eastern Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills Area").

The summary of the proposed ballot proposition is:

To improve local wildfire prevention/ protection services including clearing dry brush/fire hazards; protect local open space and wildlife corridors; park ranger patrols for wildfires and to prevent arson, vandalism and responsibly remove illegal encampments; and to protect local water quality, shall the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority measure establishing a \$68 special tax for ten years only be adopted, providing \$1,940,000 annually with independent citizen oversight and all money spent in the Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills east of 405 freeway?

Janet D. [Signature] 8/27/20

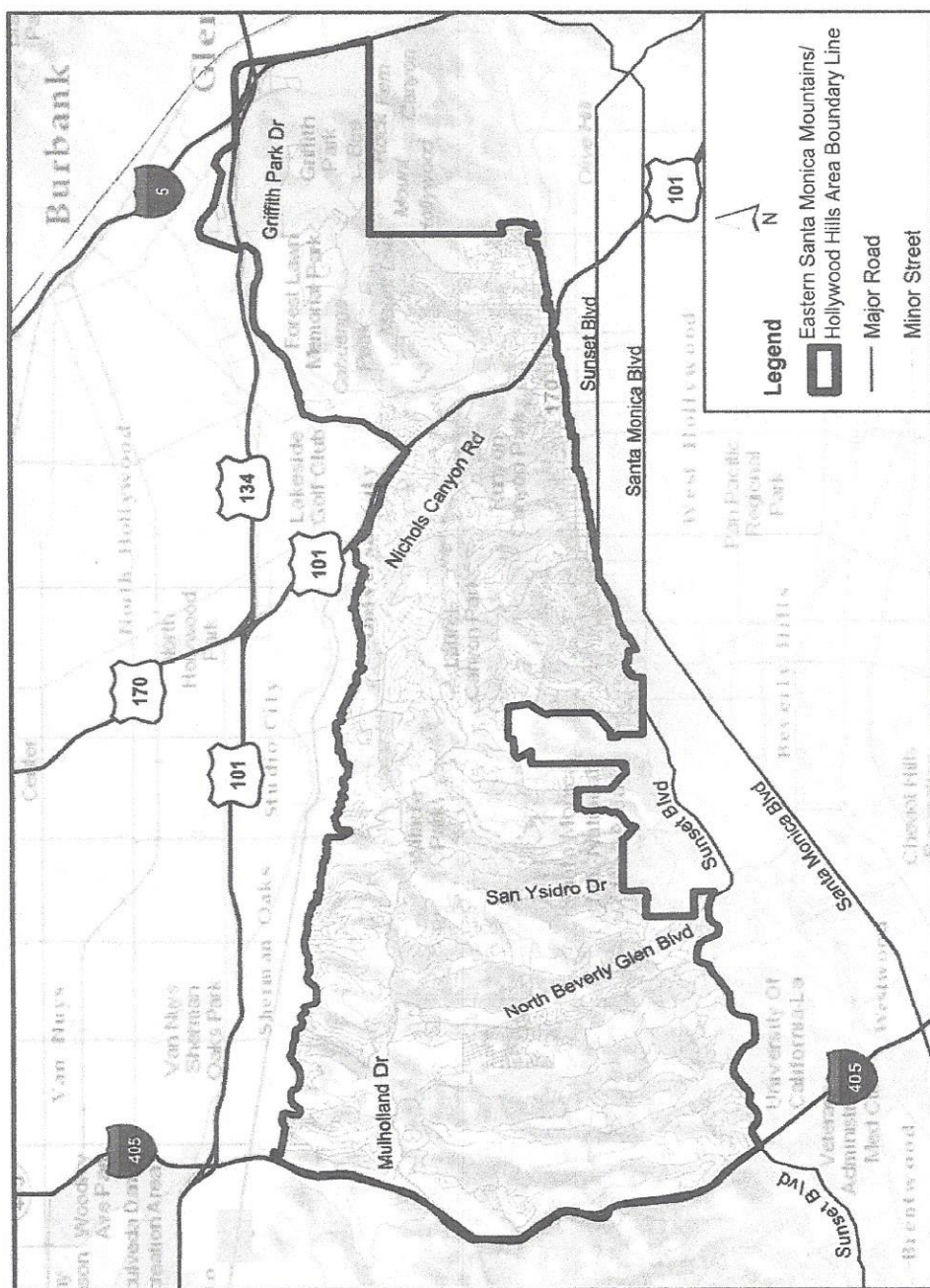
Developed parcels subject to the special tax are those parcels that appear on the annual secured Los Angeles County property tax rolls, and that have been improved for residential, commercial or other purposes. Unimproved parcels within the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills Area shall be exempt from the special tax.

Also, developed parcels owned and occupied by a person or persons whose combined family income is at or below 50% of the median family income for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Metro Fair Market Rents Area shall be exempt from the special tax. Property owners seeking a low-income exemption must submit an application and provide the required verification documentation by June 1 prior to the tax year. The Board shall establish administrative procedures for the administration of this exemption.

If approved by the voters, the special tax will be used for the purposes of maintaining, improving, servicing, protecting, and preserving open space, parkland, wildlife corridors, natural habitats, lands, waters, and facilities owned, managed or maintained by the MRCA within the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills Area; for financing the acquisition of additional lands and protection of such lands from development in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills Area; for park ranger patrols and services; and for the reduction of the risk of wildfires including fire protection, prevention and suppression and brush clearing ("Services and Facilities"); and paying any administrative or incidental expenses thereto, including any costs related to the collection or use of the special tax. The Services and Facilities include, but are not limited to, the protection of water quality, the reduction of the risk of wildfires, park ranger safety and security services, and the collection and accumulation of reserves for the aforementioned purposes.

The special tax revenues shall be deposited into a separate account for exclusive use by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, in accordance with Government Code Section 50075.1, and shall be expended by the MRCA according to a plan developed annually by the MRCA's staff and approved and adopted by the MRCA's Board of Directors. A citizens' oversight committee appointed by the Board will review and report annually on the expenditure of the special tax revenues.

The MRCA will submit an annual report to its Board of Directors, which includes the amount of special tax revenues collected and expended, and fully complies with the accountability measures established in Government Code Sections 50075 et seq.



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE HH

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has preserved and maintains most of the public open space and wildlife habitat around our homes in the Santa Monica Mountains east of the 405 and Hollywood Hills. With warmer temperatures, wildfires in hillside areas are becoming larger, faster, and deadlier.

A Yes vote on Measure HH will:

- Protect against wildfire dangers in our Eastern Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills areas; remove fire hazards, and clear dry brush
- Preserve and maintain local neighborhood open space, parklands, and wildlife corridors
- Improve local wildfire prevention services by funding new brush clearing along Mulholland Drive on City of Los Angeles owned lands that are currently not being cleared or maintained for fire prevention by the City
- Create year-round irrigated green areas around the Mulholland Overlooks to further improve fire safety and scenic views
- Responsibly remove illegal encampments from public lands in our community to prevent accidental fires
- Improve fire safety and better protect our homes from devastating wildfires with extra park ranger patrols on high fire risk days
- Acquire additional open space, and prevent development on the most valuable remaining open lands
- Protect and expand wildlife corridors that are necessary to ensure animals and wildlife can survive
- Keep pollution and trash out of local creeks and reservoirs and improve water quality.
- Keep our communities safe with year-round park ranger safety and security patrols to prevent crime, arson and vandalism

Every penny raised by Measure HH will stay in our community and cannot be taken away by the State or used for other purposes.

A Citizen's Oversight Committee will conduct annual audits to ensure funds are spent properly and only for the above-listed purposes in the hillside areas of Eastern Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills. A low income exemption is available.

Please vote Yes on Measure HH

MARIAN DODGE
Chairman, Hillside Federation

FRANK PADILLA JR.
Fire Management Specialist

TONY TUCCI
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President, Friends of Griffith Park

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ED BEGLEY, JR.
Actor/Environmental

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS
SUBMITTED**