

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The City goals to protect biodiversity cannot be achieved if we fail to better manage development in environmentally sensitive areas. The Protected Tree & Shrub Ordinance has some value but does not preserve complex ecosystems. We must do better with our remaining environmentally sensitive areas. I urge you to adopt this Resolution, recognizing the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy as a trustee agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, which would require the City of Los Angeles to notify and consult with SMMC at various points in the CEQA review process on projects that may affect natural resources within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone, and recognize the Big Wild-Topanga State Park, Eastern Santa Monica Mountains, and Griffith Park Area Habitat Linkage Habitat Linkage Planning Maps as well as future spatial habitat protection maps prepared by SMMC to ensure the protection and conservation of sensitive habitat areas. Thank you.