

Communication from Public

Name: Dessa Kaye

Date Submitted: 02/16/2022 07:20 PM

Council File No: 21-1470

Comments for Public Posting: As a Van Nuys homeowner born and raised in the San Fernando Valley, I support this motion as an excellent option in the broader effort to preserve ecological diversity and open space in Los Angeles. Thank you.

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Name: Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW)
Date Submitted: 02/16/2022 11:40 AM
Council File No: 21-1470
Comments for Public Posting: Chairperson Raman and Committee Members: Thank you for hearing this amending motion. As LA City now seems to be supporting land preservation, valuing parkland, and identifying the Santa Monica Mountains as a natural resource, it is important that all departments work in consort and with City Council leadership and other agencies towards these goals. In OPLA, it is important that we have a failsafe program and never again make shortsighted attempts to sell away and develop irreplaceable city-owned land which has an inherent value and long-term benefit for the well-being of the environment and all Angelenos.
-Tony Tucci, Chair Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW)

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Name: nancy stone

Date Submitted: 02/16/2022 07:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles is rapidly losing its tree canopy and open spaces to overdevelopment and the ability of builders to chop down parkway trees to make way for larger buildings. Giving the conservancy the right of first refusal is a step in the right direction towards providing the open spaces and trees that the city desperately needs. As the climate crisis grows more acute, being able to find open spaces and trees which provide shade and oxygen will become more and more important. Please vote yes on this initiative.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/16/2022 08:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles Audubon Society fully supports this motion as stated in the attached letter.

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January 15, 2022

City Council
City of Los Angeles

**Re: CF 21-1470 Own a Piece of LA / Los Angeles Administrative Code / Amendment
/ Santa Monica Mountains Zone / City-Owned Surplus Property**

Honorable Councilmembers:

Los Angeles Audubon Society has been a voice for birds and conservation in Los Angeles for over 110 years. Our mission is to promote the study and protection of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats throughout the diverse landscapes of the Los Angeles area. We have over 3,500 members and supporters, most of whom live in the City of Los Angeles.

The Santa Monica Mountains contain important habitat for birds and other wildlife in the City of Los Angeles and protection of the natural resources of this region depend on minimizing the further development of vacant parcels. Current State law requires that the City provide the right of first refusal for the purchase of City-owned surplus property in the Santa Monica Mountains Zone to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The motion from Councilmembers Koretz, Raman, and Blumenfield would amend City Code to ensure compliance with this law.

Los Angeles Audubon Society fully supports this motion and encourages the City Council to approve the ordinance promptly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Longcore". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Travis Longcore, Ph.D.
President and Conservation Co-Chair