

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Garrett Weinstein

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**Council File No:** 23-0129

**Comments for Public Posting:** Honorable Councilmembers: On February 27, 2023, the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy passed a resolution recognizing the significant natural resources values of Senderos Canyon/Hoag Canyon in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains. Please find that resolution attached here. Sincerely, Garrett Weinstein Project Analyst for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

February 27, 2023

Resolution No. 22-07

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCE VALUES  
OF HOAG CANYON IN THE EASTERN SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

WHEREAS, Hoag Canyon is located within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone that the California Legislature has concluded is an environmental resource of critical concern;

WHEREAS, Hoag Canyon east of the 405 freeway has been a top acquisition priority on Conservancy Workprograms for four decades;

WHEREAS, In February 2023 the Los Angeles City Council adopted a motion recognizing the importance of Hoag (Senderos) Canyon and that directed the Department of Recreation and Parks to explore means of acquiring remaining private lands;

WHEREAS, The Conservancy has owned over 110 acres in Hoag Canyon since 1988:

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority owns both fee simple parkland and a conservation easement in Hoag Canyon;

WHEREAS, Hoag Canyon comprises much of 848-acre Habitat Block number 89 in the Conservancy's *Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Habitat Linkage Planning Map*;

WHEREAS, Hoag Canyon is a significant natural area within the Conservancy's 2021 *Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Natural Resource Protection Plan*;

WHEREAS, Hoag Canyon contains the most ecologically significant riparian corridor in the Santa Monica Mountains east of the 405 freeway;

WHEREAS, Hoag Canyon contains over a thousand feet of USGS delineated blueline stream with perennial water for wildlife;

WHEREAS, Hoag Canyon is the key sending and receiving habitat block for wildlife that cross the 405 freeway on the east side of the transportation corridor;

WHEREAS, Hoag Canyon is unquestionably habitat for the local State-listed candidate threatened mountain lion population;

WHEREAS, Development of Hoag Canyon would jeopardize the sustainability of all Santa Monica Mountain wildlife populations east of the 405 freeway;

WHEREAS, Various private actions have referred to Hoag Canyon as Senderos Canyon; and  
*Therefore Be It Resolved*, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan;
2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives;
3. FINDS that the Hoag Canyon is one of the most regionally significant unprotected habitat areas within the Santa Monica Mountains range.
4. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated February 27, 2023;
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses;
7. ADOPTS; this resolution recognizing the significant natural values of Hoag Canyon in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains;
8. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to [[execute the grant agreement and to]] perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

*~End of Resolution~*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law on February 27, 2023 at various locations via videoconferencing, California.

Date: February 27, 2023



Executive Director

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Austin Feeman

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not allow the property on Senderos Canyon (aka Haig Canyon) to be developed. LA is severely lacking open space for recreation and conservation/preservation. One mansion will benefit the property owner, where as open space can benefit an entire community. Thanks, Oscar