



Save Senderos Canyon Los Angeles City Council File Number 23-0129

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Date: March 7, 2023

To: Local, State and Federal Elected Officials

Re: Support for Los Angeles City Council File Number 23-0129 Save Senderos Canyon

The Save Senderos Canyon Campaign Committee urges your support of Los Angeles Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky's motion to determine available strategies to preserve the 260-acre Senderos Canyon property (also known as Hoag Canyon) and identify various options to fund the purchase of the property, including potential County, State, and Federal funding sources.

The preservation of this important natural resource is the mission of our organization because we realize the unique and irreplaceable value of this untouched land, its location, and the perennial stream at its center. We support the acquisition of this land as open space for the following reasons:

- Saving this canyon would help combat the global climate and biodiversity crisis and further the Governor's [30x30](#) goal of conserving 30% of California's land and coastal waters by 2030 and President Biden's [America the Beautiful](#) initiative
- The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy adopted a [resolution](#) calling this property one of the most regionally significant unprotected habitat areas within the Santa Monica Mountains range, which contains the most ecologically significant riparian corridor in the Santa Monica Mountains east of the 405 freeway.
- The recent attention on P-22's death and his isolated existence in Griffith Park highlights the problems associated with habitat fragmentation and loss of connectivity
- Preservation of Hoag Canyon will ensure habitat linkage between the Big Wild and Griffith Park extending the Westridge-Canyonback Wilderness Park and the greater Santa Monica Mountains nature preserve managed by the SMMC and MRCA
- According to the City's 2022 [Biodiversity Index Baseline Report](#), just over 20% of the City of Los Angeles is classified as natural (95.48 square miles out of 470.85 square miles in the City). For the baseline assessment of the Index, the City received a score of 37 out of a possible 110 points,

indicating that substantial work remains to be done if the City aims to effectively protect and enhance biodiversity and take appropriate action to halt biodiversity loss.

- Saving one of the last remaining perennial streams in the City would preserve watershed health, aid groundwater recharge, and protect aquatic and terrestrial species
- Whereas development of the canyon would negatively impact large-scale community health by reducing carbon storage (climate risk), increasing heat island effects (temperature increase), increasing flood and debris-flow hazards, worsening air quality, and eliminating a source of groundwater recharge
- Preserving this land as open space will protect against wildfire risk. According to experts 95-97% of all wildfires in California's Mediterranean regions are caused by humans or human infrastructure in the wildland urban interface
- This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to save what little open space Los Angeles has left

We urge our Federal, State and local representatives to do everything they can to find the resources needed to purchase this important open space.

Thank you,

Wendy, Andrew, Jamie, Mindy, Travis, Wendy-Sue & Paul
Save Senderos Canyon Campaign Committee