

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky's motion to determine available strategies to preserve the 260-acre Senderos Canyon property (also known as Hoag Canyon). The City must continue to work diligently to find creative strategies to preserve this property and to identify options to fund its purchase, including potential County, State, and Federal funding sources. The preservation of this important natural resource as an open space is essential to prevent further habitat fragmentation and loss of connectivity within the eastern portion of the Santa Monica Mountains. 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. This canyon contains the most ecologically significant riparian corridor in the Santa Monica Mountains east of the 405 freeway; it provides habitat for the endangered Southern California mountain lion, bobcats, deer, the rare and endangered California Black Oak, as well as other species. Setting aside this land as open space is in keeping with Governor Newsom's 30x30 goal of conserving 30% of California's land and coastal waters by 2030 and President Biden's America the Beautiful initiative to help combat the global climate and biodiversity crisis. Preserving this canyon is also an important step in support of the Wildlife Ordinance which City Planning has worked on so diligently for over 8 years. Thank you for your consideration and your support in preserving this treasure for Los Angeles and all its residents. Sincerely, Mindy Rothstein Mann
Board Member, Benedict Canyon Association Board Member,
Bel Air - Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Board Member,
TreePeople Please note that while I am a board member of the above organizations, the views expressed above are my own personal opinions.