



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

1 message

Dan Silver <dsilverla@me.com>

Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 10:55 AM

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March 14, 2023

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

Gentlepersons:

Endangered Habitats League (EHL) urges your support of Los Angeles City 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. For your reference, EHL is a Southern California regional conservation group dedicated to ecosystem conservation and collaborative conflict resolution.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy [calls this land](#) one of the most ecologically significant properties in the City of Los Angeles, and says that the Canyon's natural values contribute greatly to the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains ecosystem. 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. It has rare perennial stream. Development here is also contraindicated due to fire hazard.

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

Thank you,
Dan Silver

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Los Angeles City Council File #23-0129

1 message

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Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM

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March 14, 2023

I am writing to you 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). We must all continue to work together 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 Los Angeles 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.



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

1 message

Freeman, Nancy <nancy.freeman@hubinternational.com>
To: Ken Kessler <ken.kessler@hotmail.com>

Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 1:32 PM

Date: March 14, 2023

To: Local, State and Federal Elected Officials

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

The Bel Air Ridge Homeowners' Association urges your support of Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky's motion to determine available strategies to preserve the 260-acre Senderos Canyon property (also known as Hoag Canyon) and to identify various options to fund the purchase of the property, including potential County, State, and Federal funding sources. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy calls this land one of the most ecologically significant properties in the City of Los Angeles, and says that the Canyon's natural values contribute greatly to the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains ecosystem.

The preservation of this important natural resource is consistent with the mission of our organization (DESCRIBE HOW). We support the acquisition of this land for the following reasons:

- Saving this open space would 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 to help combat the global climate and biodiversity crisis.
- 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 this canyon would protect important cultural resources, preserving our shared cultural resources in the State.
- Saving one of the last remaining perennial streams in the City would preserve watershed health, protecting aquatic and terrestrial species.
- Development of the canyon would negatively impact large-scale community health by reducing carbon storage (climate risk), increasing heat island effects, 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,

Kenneth Kessler

Bel Air Ridge Homeowner

[2460 Angelo Drive](#)

[Los Angeles, CA 90077](#)



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

1 message

Jill Fromer <jillfromer@gmail.com>
To: Jill Fromer <jillfromer@gmail.com>
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Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 4:22 PM

To: Local, State and Federal Elected Officials

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

As a concerned citizen, I urge your support of Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky's motion to determine available strategies to preserve the 260-acre Senderos Canyon property (also known as Hoag Canyon) and to identify various options to fund the purchase of the property, including potential County, State, and Federal funding sources. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy [calls this land](#) one of the most ecologically significant properties in the City of Los Angeles, and says that the Canyon's natural values contribute greatly to the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains ecosystem.

The preservation of this important natural resource is consistent with my values and environmental concerns. I support the acquisition of this land for the following reasons:

- Saving this open space would 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 to help combat the global climate and biodiversity crisis.
- 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.
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- Saving this canyon would protect important cultural resources, preserving our shared cultural resources in the State.
- Saving one of the last remaining perennial streams in the City would preserve watershed health, protecting aquatic and terrestrial species.
- **Development of the canyon would negatively impact large-scale community health by reducing carbon storage (climate risk), increasing heat island effects, 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,

Jill Fromer

Concerned Citizen

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Jill Hoffman Fromer



Opposition to Sendero Canyon purchase

1 message

Jill Demko <frigidfanny@sbcglobal.net>

Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 6:45 PM

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Date: March 14, 2023

To: Local, State and Federal Elected Officials

Re: Support for Los Angeles City Council File Number 23-1029 Save Senderos Canyon

Tom and Jill Demko urge you to support Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky's motion to determine available strategies to preserve the 260-acre Senderos Canyon property (also known as Hoag Canyon) and to identify various options to fund the purchase of the property, including potential County, State, and Federal funding sources. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy [calls this land](#) one of the most ecologically significant properties in the City of Los Angeles, and says that the Canyon's natural values contribute greatly to the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains ecosystem.

We support the acquisition of this land for the following reasons:

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- 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,

Tom and Jill Demko



Letter from Asm. Zbur re: #23-0129

1 message

Oliver, Robert <Robert.Oliver@asm.ca.gov>
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Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 7:34 PM

Please find the attached letter from Assemblymember Zbur to the Los Angeles City Clerk.

Sincerely,

Robert Oliver

District Director

Office of Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur

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Ms. Holly L. Wolcott
Los Angeles City Clerk
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

March 14, 2023

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

Please enter into the record my strong support for Los Angeles City Council File #23-0129, a motion introduced by Councilmember Yaroslavsky to explore options to preserve Senderos Canyon.

Although this land is just outside of my district, the preservation of this land will no doubt enhance and benefit the entire region, including my constituents, who live in close proximity to it.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has identified the Senderos Canyon property as one of the most regionally significant unprotected habitat areas within the Santa Monica Mountains, containing one of the last remaining perennial streams in the City of Los Angeles—providing the most ecologically significant riparian corridor east of the 405 Freeway. In addition, trees like those in Senderos Canyon serve a vital role in addressing climate change.

This undeveloped land represents more than mere acreage. The loss of it would be a tragedy not just for the mountain lions, deer, rabbits, bobcats, coyotes, and other animals, birds, trees, plants, and pollinators that rely on it, but for the people of Los Angeles. Only about one-fifth of the City of Los Angeles is classified as natural, and once natural land is lost, we will not get it back. This opportunity to protect Senderos Canyon will only present itself once.

I am exploring any and all options within my authority to assist in this important endeavor, and I have directed my staff to closely monitor and prioritize this issue. I will work with my colleagues at all levels of government to protect Senderos Canyon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick C. Zbur". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Rick Chavez Zbur
CA State Assemblymember, District 51

CC: The Honorable Lindsey Horvath, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 3rd District
The Honorable Brad Sherman, Congressman, 32nd Congressional District
The Honorable Ben Allen, CA State Senator, 24th District
The Honorable Jacqui Irwin, Assemblymember, 42nd District
The Honorable Karen Bass, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles
The Honorable Katy Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles City Councilmember, 5th District
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Mr. Charley Mims, President, Hillside Federation

RE: Senderos Canyon