

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hillside Federation supports acquisition of Senderos Canyon.

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Mt. Olympus Property Owners  
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**Re: Support Acquisition of Senderos Canyon (Hoag Canyon)  
CF 23-0129**

Dear Elected Official:

The Hillside Federation representing 46 resident and homeowner associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains enthusiastically supports Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky's motion seeking strategies to preserve Senderos Canyon (also known as Hoag Canyon) and identify various options to fund the purchase of the property. The mission of the Hillside Federation is to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.

We have a unique opportunity to purchase this 260 acres of pristine habitat which contains the most ecologically significant riparian corridor in the Santa Monica Mountains east of the 405 freeway. Its perennial stream preserves watershed health and protects aquatic and terrestrial species. Senderos Canyon provides critical wildlife connectivity to open spaces to the east such as Griffith Park.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to save open space and help meet the Governor's 30X30 goal of preserving 30% of land and to support President Biden's America the Beautiful initiative to help combat climate change and the biodiversity crisis.

The Hillside Federation urges all our elected representatives to find the resources necessary to acquire this amazing habitat.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary Johnson

**Date Submitted:** 03/19/2023 01:55 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I, Mary Johnson 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 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, Mary Johnson, Homeowner Ardent supporter of protecting our environment and our precious wildlife