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- Please remove the Wildlife Ordinance from the June 20th meeting agenda until proper outreach has been conducted with constituents, not activist groups that endorsed campaigns.
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- Not one proponent of this legislation has been identified as actually living in the proposed affected area, which is probably why no care seems to be given to affected homeowners and taxpayers like we are (for clarity, we have lived in the proposed affected area since 2011. Not one advocate of such affected groups has been presented by the city.
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- Property owners are not opposed to good policy for promoting wildlife and open space protection. However, these new regulations do not work to preserve large open spaces. They don't create corridors between these open spaces that are as free from potential human contact as possible. In fact they do very few things that are actually good for wildlife. This ordinance will gravely affect small property owners, not the mega mansion developers they are claiming to be going after.
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- This set of regulations sets the City in a direct path towards confrontation within the state. This is down-zone plain and simple and thus will run afoul with State law—including CEQA, HAA and other rules regarding zoning. It will end up tying the city up in lawsuit knots- for no reason. It will make our housing shortage worse. It will cause more population outflows. And without truly helping wildlife in the region.
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- Due process—this ordinance has been pushed by bureaucratic insiders. It has yet to be fully vetted or even discussed in an open and honest way. Most people in the hills still don't realize what is happening. There have been no major studies on the environmental, economic and housing impacts of this ordinance. There has been no effort made to track down who will be negatively impacted—and how badly. Instead this ordinance continues to be shuttled around the back hallways of City Hall without being truly and openly debated.
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- We ask the PLUM Committee send this ordinance back to the planning department to be fully vetted, to have the parts of the rules removed that don't directly help wildlife and to expand those elements that truly help our wildlife—by formally designating our open areas, to plot out how to connect these habitats and corridors in a way that keeps wildlife out of harm's way (i.e. away from people), and efforts that true wildlife experts have suggested will help LA maintain its unique and wonderful access to nature.
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- Lastly, as an attorney, nobody had explained how this is not an unlawful government taking of private property without just compensation, in violation of the U.S. Constitution. Please prepare for masses of lawsuits or perhaps a class action.
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- Donnie & Jennifer Hardison- Linda Flora Drive- Bel Air