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November 5, 2015

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: 15-0841 Water for Wildlife

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council which represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood would like to express support for Paul Koretz' motion to arrange for watering troughs or other ways to provide water to wildlife in the City's nature areas including but not limited to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area and Griffith Park.

The years-long drought is driving wild animals in the Los Angeles basin to approach homes and public areas in search of food and water, potentially putting our pets and children at risk. In more and more areas, bears, raccoons, coyotes and other creatures root through our garbage, drink from swimming pools and ponds and use the surrounding areas to urinate and defecate. This has led to illegal poisoning, the spread of animal-borne parasites and diseases, attacks on both humans and domesticated animal. The situation is further aggravated by the poor health of the animals which may lead to increases of carrion and the resultant increased health risks to our families and pets.

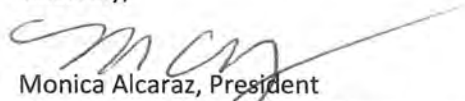
Not only would the provision of clean water deter many of these incursions into our neighborhoods, it is the humane approach to the wildlife whose habitats have been impacted by the growth of our City.

HHPNC/*Water for wildlife*

Furthermore, given the expected El Nino winter, the Committees reviewing this motion should also address the potential dangers which may arise from inundation of burrows and dens as well as flooding and mudslides.

Therefore, the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council requests the City pursue providing clean water in areas away from human habitation and public spaces to succor our native wildlife and proactively reduce problems before they escalate to confrontation levels.

Sincerely,



Monica Alcaraz, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council