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Oaks Homeowners Assn.  
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Upper Nichols Canyon NA  
Upper Riviera Homeowners Assn.  
Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Re: CF #13-1580 Rodenticides

Honorable Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. represents 42 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The mission of the Federation is to preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles. Anticoagulant rodenticides are lethal to all native wildlife, causing secondary and tertiary poisoning of indigenous predators such as bobcats, coyotes, mountain lions, owls and hawks and create an ecological imbalance. Rat poison also presents grave danger to domestic animals and children. For these reasons the Federation supports CF #13-1580 to evaluate the use of rodenticides by the City with the ultimate goal of banning the sale and use of rodenticides throughout the city.

The City should create an ordinance that bans the sale and purchase of anticoagulant rodenticides in the City of Los Angeles and restricts its municipal, commercial, professional and private use in order to:

- Prevent accidental poisoning of wildlife, domestic pets and humans;
- Restore the natural balance of pest control in the Santa Monica Mountains and other ecologically sensitive areas of the city struggling to survive in the urban interface, including the LA River and hiking trails.

This ordinance should include:

- A city-wide ban on the sale and purchase of anticoagulant rodenticides.
- Prohibit the municipal, commercial, industrial, professional and private use of anticoagulant rodenticides particularly in our hillsides and other ecologically sensitive areas and within 100 feet of parks, school zones, playgrounds and play structures.
- A system of fines should be instituted to support this ordinance with increased fines in our hillsides and ecologically sensitive areas as well as within 100 feet of our parks, school zones, playgrounds and play structures.

While we have been inspired by resolutions passed by a handful of cities in California, we are enthusiastic that an ordinance, in a city the size of Los Angeles, under your direction will go even farther to provide relief from this indiscriminate killer. We commend you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

*Marian Dodge*

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