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Liberty Canyon Project  
100 South Main Street, MS 16A  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

January 27, 2016

Re: **Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing**

Dear Ms. Marquez:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., was established in 1952 and represents 45 homeowner and resident associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The mission of the 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. The Federation enthusiastically supports the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing, Alternate 3.

A wildlife crossing is desperately needed to re-establish wildlife habitat that was inadvertently cut off by the construction of highway 101. Wildlife is currently trapped south of the 101 with no safe access to the broad open spaces north of the freeway. The proposed wildlife crossing would increase habitat connectivity, increase genetic diversity, and reduce road kill. Alternative 3 is our preferred alternative because it provides the maximum protection for wildlife to get them safely across the both the 101 and nearby Agoura Road.

We are concerned however about the impact that allowing humans to share the wildlife corridor might have on animals. Will it create human-animal contact where there was little before the construction of the crossing? Will it create a situation where a mountain lion might choose to jump the fence on the side of the crossing to avoid human contact and land on the freeway thus defeating the purpose of the crossing?

The Federation thanks Caltrans and other agencies involved for the time and effort they have invested to bring this much needed wildlife crossing to fruition.

Sincerely,

*Marian Dodge*  
Marian Dodge

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood  
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Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners  
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Residents of Beverly Glen  
Roscomare Valley Assn.  
Save Coldwater Canyon!  
Save Sunset Blvd.  
Shadow Hills Property Owners  
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