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California Natural Resources Agency
Attn: EEM Coordinator
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

June 7, 2015

Re: **Runyon Canyon Knoll Resource Lands Acquisition**

Dear EEM Coordinator:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, founded in 1952, represents 44 resident and homeowner associations with their approximately 200,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The mission of the Federation is to 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. At its June meeting, the Federation voted unanimously to support the application of the Trust for Public Land on behalf of the City of Los Angeles to the California Natural Resources Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for the acquisition of the Runyon Canyon Knoll property.

This piece of property is an ideal acquisition as it is surrounded on three sides by Runyon Canyon Park. The 4.29-acre property is currently in private hands and as such is vulnerable to development. Located just south of Mulholland Drive, it is a critical wildlife corridor across the ridge of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Runyon Canyon is a very heavily used urban wilderness in the heart of Los Angeles. Hikers and dog walkers are using this private property now. The property's loss to development would have a devastating impact on both the two-footed creatures and their four-footed companions who enjoy its fresh air and healthy exercise and on the four-footed animals and birds who depend on its chaparral for food and habitat.

The Hillside Federation joins with Friends of Runyon Canyon and Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association in urging you to support the City's application for funding to purchase the Knoll property.

Sincerely,

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