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Arts Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee
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Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
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Lake Hollywood HOA
Laurel Canyon Assn.
Lookout Mountain Alliance
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.
Nichols Canyon Assn.
N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon
Oak Forest Canyon Assn.
Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.
Residents of Beverly Glen
Roscomare Valley Assn.
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks HO Assn.
Studio City Residents Assn.
Sunset Hills Homeowners Assn.
Tarzana Property Owners Assn.
Torreyson Flynn Assn.
Upper Mandeville Canyon
Upper Nichols Canyon NA
Upper Riviera Homeowners Assn.
Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Re: CF #12-0899-S1 Park Rangers

Honorable Committee Members

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, representing 42 associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, strongly supports increased presence of Park Rangers in the city's regional parks. Park Rangers have traditionally had a broad range of duties from putting out fires to finding lost children. Their intimate knowledge of the parks' terrain and issues has made them ideally suited to protect both parks and park visitors. The Federation strongly supports CF #12-0899-S1 at the optimal level of staffing and service.

Park Rangers are the best investment in the entire city budget. They perform a multiplicity of tasks. Depending on the situation they play the role of LAFD, LAPD, Animal Services, teacher, tour guide, biologist.

Without the insightful supervision provided by Park Rangers, our regional parks will rapidly deteriorate. Instead of being a peaceful place where people can escape from the stress of the city, they will become a place where the criminal element can operate undisturbed. Instead of a beautiful place to learn about and enjoy nature, they will become a place full of litter and graffiti. This is not what anyone wants to see in our parks. We urge you to support our Park Rangers to the fullest extent.

Sincerely,

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