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March 6, 2012

Re: Support for Prop K Funding for Laurel Canyon/Mulholland Property

Dear Mr. Drucker:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. (the "Federation"), whose membership includes 36 residential and homeowner associations, representing 200,000 constituents, spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, was founded in 1952 for the purpose of conserving the natural habitat and appearance of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside and canyon environs of the Greater Los Angeles area. At the Federation's February, 2012 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to strongly and enthusiastically support the joint request of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) and the City of Los Angeles' Department of Recreation and Parks for a grant to acquire the top lot at the intersection of Laurel Canyon and Mulholland Drive with Proposition K funds.

This parcel is part of the MRCA's Laurel Canyon and Mulholland Acquisition Project. The Federation has previously expressed its support and gratitude to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the MRCA's efforts to make this Project a reality. The top lot parcel, which is the subject of the Proposition K application, is the flagship among the six parcels that the MRCA has targeted for acquisition. The property is ideally positioned to serve as a gateway to open space trails and is directly accessible by MTA bus. The property is also part of an important wildlife corridor, the preservation of which is integral to the natural hillside environment.

The Federation joins with the hundreds of area residents, Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, and Councilmember Koretz in support of this application for Proposition K funds

Sincerely,
Marian Dodge

Marian Dodge, President

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