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November 25, 2016

Rorie Skei
Chief Deputy Executive Director
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road
Malibu, California 90265

VIA EMAIL

Re: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Acquisition

Dear Ms. Skei:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, founded in 1952, represents 45 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 2015 meeting, the Federation voted unanimously to support the application of the Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of the Runyon Canyon Knoll property of ~5 acres.

The Federation expresses its support for the application submitted by The Trust for Public Land to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 1 Program for the acquisition of the Runyon Canyon conservation easement. The acquisition of the easement — a 10 acre private lot adjacent to the Runyon Canyon Park, surrounded on three sides by City parkland—would protect the watershed, open space and views for present and future visitors to the ever more popular Runyon Canyon Park. The Trust for Public Land will convey the easement to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for long-term stewardship and management.

Runyon Canyon is a very heavily used urban wilderness in the heart of Los Angeles. 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 application for funding to purchase this property.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims
Charley Mims, President