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November 28, 2016

Rorie Skei
Chief Deputy Executive Director
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5750 Ramirez Canyon Road
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RE: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Acquisition

Dear Ms. Skei:

I'm writing to express my 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 is a 10 acre private lot adjacent to the Runyon Canyon Park, surrounded on three sides by City parkland which would protect the watershed, open space and viewshed 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.

Neighbors and other concerned citizens have been working for more than a decade with the City of Los Angeles to protect the land near Runyon Canyon Park, as well as another 5 acres of adjacent privately-owned land, from development. The goal is to expand Runyon Canyon Park and connect parkland with other protected open space, preserving wildlife corridors, adding hiking trails, and safeguarding the water and viewsheds. Park patrons from an array of socio-economic groups have, for years, been enjoying the open space, access to nature, and popular hiking trails furnished by the property. A successful acquisition would result in public ownership of the parcel, thus ensuring the same healthful benefits for generations of Angelinos to come.

Once acquired by MRCA, the property would be managed and maintained, increasing safety on the property and also enhancing its enjoyment value. We strongly support The Trust for Public Land and MRCA's efforts to accomplish these goals through their application for these funds.

Sincerely,

SHEILA KUEHL
Supervisor, Third District

MCC:bc





November 23, 2016

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

RE: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Acquisition

Dear Ms. Skei:

I am president of the Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association. We represent approximately 500 residents who live adjacent to the west and north sides of Runyon Canyon Park.

I am writing to express our 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 viewshed 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.

Neighbors living immediately adjacent to the conservation easement are members of our Association. Some of these neighbors and other concerned citizens have been working for more than a decade with the City of Los Angeles to protect the land near Runyon Canyon Park, as well as another 5 acres of adjacent privately-owned land, from development. The goal is to expand Runyon Canyon Park and connect parkland with other protected open space, preserving wildlife corridors, adding existing hiking trails to the park, and safeguarding the water and viewsheds. Park patrons from an array of socio-economic groups have, for years, been enjoying the open space, access to nature, and popular hiking trails furnished by the property. A successful acquisition would result in public ownership of the parcel, thus ensuring the same healthful benefits for generations of Angelinos to come.

Once acquired by MRCA, the property would be managed and maintained, increasing safety on the property and also enhancing its enjoyment value. We strongly support The Trust for Public Land and MRCA's efforts to accomplish these goals through their application for these funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan W. Mullins" followed by a stylized flourish.

Susan W. Mullins
323-251-6769



DAVID E. RYU
COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

November 29, 2016

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Chief Deputy Executive Director
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road
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Dear Ms. Skei:

I'm writing on behalf of Council District 4 to express our 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 viewshed 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.

The Trust for Public Land is committed to creating parks and protecting land for people, ensuring health, and livable communities for generations to come. The MRCA is a local government public entity established in 1985. The MRCA is a local partnership between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District both of which are local park agencies established by the vote of the people in those communities. The MRCA is dedicated to the preservation and management of local open space and parkland, watershed lands, trails, and wildlife habitat.

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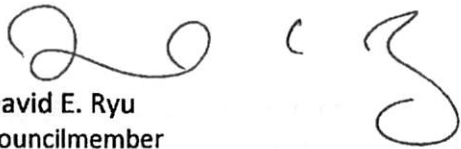


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Once acquired by MRCA, the property would be managed and maintained, increasing safety on the property and also enhancing its enjoyment value. We strongly support The Trust for Public Land and MRCA's efforts to accomplish these goals through their application for these funds.

Sincerely,



David E. Ryu
Councilmember

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November 28, 2016

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Dear Ms. Skei:

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Once acquired by MRCA, the property would be managed and maintained, increasing safety on the property and also enhancing its enjoyment value. I strongly support The Trust for Public Land and MRCA's efforts to accomplish these goals through their application for these funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Allen".

Ben Allen
Senator, 26th District

The Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation
7119 W. Sunset Blvd., #336, Los Angeles, CA 90046



November 29, 2016

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

RE: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Acquisition

Dear Ms. Skei:

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation to express our 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.

The Friends of Runyon Canyon (FORC) Foundation is an IRS approved non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission to secure funds to restore, preserve and protect the Runyon Canyon Park Recreation Area in partnership with the public and the City for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The Foundation aspires to build a great organization that sets the standard and spreads the principles for outstanding park management - emphasizing environmental excellence - to improve the quality of open space for the enjoyment of Runyon Canyon visitors and the quality of life in neighboring residential areas.

Runyon Canyon is accessed by over 1.8M visitors per year from extensive ethnic backgrounds with 43% of the visitors from minority groups. Also, the park has nearly 300,000 dog visits per year making it a popular venue providing both human and dog healthy exercise. This acquisition is consistent with the goals of the Foundation to protected open space, preserve wildlife corridors, and safeguard the scenic wilderness views. The successful acquisition will ensure the same healthful benefits for generations of Angelinos to come.

We strongly support The Trust for Public Land and MRCA's efforts to accomplish these goals through their application for these funds.

Sincerely,

Paul Moore

Vice President

The Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation
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November 25, 2016

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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