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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
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Re: Proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

Dear Chairperson Bennett and Honorable Supervisors:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Ventura County's proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Ordinance. I strongly support your efforts to protect biological diversity and prevent further habitat fragmentation. The policies and regulations contained in your proposed ordinance and plan amendment compliment Los Angeles County's recent efforts to expand and enhance our Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) in the adjacent Simi Hills and Santa Susana area.

Increasing urbanization and habitat fragmentation have severe impacts on our regional wildlife populations including mortality, habitat loss, and inbreeding. Wildlife corridors provide critical safe passage for mountain lions and other animals for access to expanded food resources and a genetically diverse mating pool.

I respectfully urge your board to adopt the proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors ordinance. The preservation of large contiguous open space areas is crucial for the long-term health of our native wildlife. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sheila Kuehl
Supervisor, Third District

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