

December 10, 2022

Dear Members of the Board,

Save Open Space Santa Monica Mountains supports naming the Lewis Road Park in honor of retiring County Supervisor Linda Parks. Supervisor Parks has been a champion for open space and parks and helped save the 3,200 acre Ahmanson Ranch and the 1,200 acre Mandsdorf Deer Creek property. She also initiated the County's wildlife corridor zone and was part of the successful effort to get a wildlife bridge over the 101 freeway. She was instrumental in getting funding for both the Santa Rosa Valley Park and it was her idea to bring a park to the vulnerable populations on Lewis Road.

Her work to get us the Growing Works Nursery which has won awards was also exceptional. There is precedent for honoring Supervisors by naming County facilities for them and Supervisor Parks 20 years of dedicated service is certainly deserving of this honor.

Sincerely

Mary Weesbrock, Chair