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**VIA Electronic Mail**

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RE: Predator Policy Revisions

Dear Executive Director Termini and Commissioners,

Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) is a non-profit advocacy environmental organization concerned with the well-being of wildlife and open space habitats for the City of Los Angeles and beyond. A citizenry of more 3000 individuals now supports our multiple calls for biodiverse practices and policies.

CLAW is aware that the California Fish and Game Commission is planning to revise predator management policies, and we are following this process.

Our wildlife mandate is to “protect, restore, and educate” as we believe that wildlife are the barometer of the health of their larger habitat and a measure of the health of all of our environment. As such, we develop ecologically sound, real-world solutions to relieve wildlife/human conflicts, including fundraising for the purchase of conservation lands and wildlife crossings. As examples of our conflict resolution strategies, we offer barn owl boxes to control rodent populations and reduce toxic pesticide use, work with LA City Council to designate wildlife habitat linkage zones within urban residential areas, and offer information on reducing wildlife habituation, including coyote hazing.

Our CLAW Kids program offers the advocacy and education tools to empower the next generation a platform for learning about contemporary wildlife issues that they will inherit. The young people that we encounter have a strong desire for a future in which predators thrive, and these kids are deeply affected by the genetic plight of our neighboring mountain lions and bobcats, our high rates of wildlife/road mortality, and the wide-ranging effects of poison on carnivores.

CLAW urges the Commissioners to consider the rights of these children, and those who in turn follow them. The complexity of management will only increase as our own population grows, making this the best time to critically rethink traditional notions in which heritage stands primarily for depletion.

Wise stewardship of our predators is critical to fulfilling our intrinsic duty of passing natural wildlife to future generations. Please do not take this aspect of your obligation lightly.

Thank you for your careful consideration of revisions.

Sincerely,

Alison Simard, Chairperson