



Kevin de León
Councilmember, Fourteenth District

March 30, 2023

The Honorable Congressman Jimmy Gomez
506 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter of Support – FY2024 CPF Peace Officer (Ranger) Law Enforcement Pilot Project for Northeast Los Angeles Hillside

Dear Congressman Gomez,

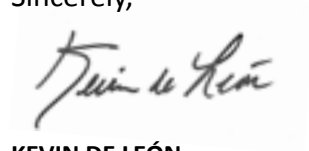
As the LA City Council representative for Council District 14, I am writing to express my strong support for the Peace Officer (Ranger) Law Enforcement Pilot Project in Northeast Los Angeles Hillside, proposed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) under the DOJ Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Justice Community Project Funding request for FY2024. I urge you to consider and to support funding for this request.

Illegal dumping and Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) usage in local parkland have created hazardous conditions and caused damage to natural resources. This project will provide peace officers and staff to address these issues and promote public trust between the community and local law enforcement agencies such as Rangers. This funding will enable MRCA to deliver law enforcement services and enforce laws and local ordinances in a manner that has not been historically seen or offered to the community.

MRCA has its own Ranger patrol division, which will patrol the Elephant Hill site to reduce OHV usage and other illegal activities on public property. The project includes an appropriate survey to evaluate whether enhanced measures have provided a positive outcome.

This project is crucial for natural resource protection and community safety in areas that have been under-resourced, environmentally burdened, and underserved. I strongly support the content and immediacy of this funding request and urge the House Appropriations Committee to approve the Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

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KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District



North East Trees

Bringing Nature Back

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Member of Congress
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Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter of Support – FY2024 CPF Peace Officer (Ranger) Law Enforcement Pilot Project for Northeast Los Angeles Hillsides

Dear Congressman Gomez,

On behalf of North East Trees, Inc. please accept this letter of support strongly urging funding for the Peace Officer (Ranger) Law Enforcement Pilot Project in Northeast Los Angeles Hillsides by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), under the DOJ Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Justice Community Project Funding request for FY2024 to the Subcommittee Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies.

This project will provide for peace officers and staff to address illegal uses that occur in local parkland overrun with illegal dumping and Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) users that illegally recreate at the site, causing damage to natural resources and create hazardous conditions. Additionally, this project will exemplify that funding law enforcement on these hillsides is necessary for natural resource protection and community safety.

With the assistance of Community Project Funding, MRCA would be provided the ability to deliver law enforcement services, enforce laws and local ordinances, while promoting public trust between communities and local law enforcement agencies and its representatives such as Rangers, at a level not historically seen or offered to the community. MRCA has its own Ranger patrol division, which will patrol the Elephant Hill site to reduce OHV usage and other illegal activities on public property. As part of the project an appropriate survey conducted at the close of the project can evaluate whether enhanced measures have provided a positive outcome.

This Federal contribution will help provide services that have not previously been available to communities that have been under-resourced, environmentally burdened and underserved. North East Trees, Inc. supports the content and immediacy of this funding request and urges the House Appropriations Committee to approve the Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

Janet Schulman, Interim Executive
Director

March 30, 2023

TEST PLOT

The Honorable Congressman Jimmy Gomez

Member of Congress
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Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter of Support – FY2024 CPF Peace Officer (Ranger) Law Enforcement Pilot Project for Northeast Los Angeles Hillside

Dear Congressman Gomez,

On behalf of TEST PLOT please accept this letter of support strongly urging funding for the Peace Officer (Ranger) Law Enforcement Pilot Project in Northeast Los Angeles Hillside by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), under the DOJ Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Justice Community Project Funding request for FY2024 to the Subcommittee Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies.

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Sincerely,



Jennifer Toy, Test Plot Lead
Lecturer, University of Southern
California

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Member of Congress

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Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter of Support – FY2024 CPF Peace Officer (Ranger) Law Enforcement Pilot Project for Northeast Los Angeles Hillside

Dear Congressman Gomez,

On behalf of the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains, please accept this letter of support strongly urging funding for the Peace Officer (Ranger) Law Enforcement Pilot Project in Northeast Los Angeles Hillside by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), under the DOJ Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Justice Community Project Funding request for FY2024 to the Subcommittee Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies.

The Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains is a not-for-profit local government special district that monitors endangered species like the steelhead trout, restores and enhances local creeks and oak woodlands, educates the public on wildfire resilience and safety, and leads environmental education programs for students and community members throughout our district and surrounding counties. Our mission is to inspire environmental stewardship throughout the communities we serve to conserve natural resources for future generations.

This project will provide for peace officers and staff to address illegal uses that occur in local parkland overrun with illegal dumping and Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) users that illegally recreate at the site, causing damage to natural resources and create hazardous conditions. Additionally, this project will exemplify that funding law enforcement on these hillsides is necessary for natural resource protection and community safety.

With the assistance of Community Project Funding, MRCA would be provided the ability to deliver law enforcement services, enforce laws and local ordinances, while promoting public trust between communities and local law enforcement agencies and its representatives such as Rangers, at a level not

historically seen or offered to the community. MRCA has its own Ranger patrol division, which will patrol the Elephant Hill site to reduce OHV usage and other illegal activities on public property. As part of the project an appropriate survey conducted at the close of the project can evaluate whether enhanced measures have provided a positive outcome.

This Federal contribution will help provide services that have not previously been available to communities that have been under-resourced, environmentally burdened and underserved. The Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains supports the content and immediacy of this funding request and urges the House Appropriations Committee to approve the Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,



Daniel S. Cooper, Ph.D.
Deputy Executive Officer/Senior Conservation Biologist
Resource Conservation District, Santa Monica Mountains



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Member of Congress, California's 34th District
506 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter of Support – FY2024 CPF Peace Officer (Ranger) Law Enforcement Pilot Project for Northeast Los Angeles Hillside

Dear Congressman Gomez,

On behalf of Save Elephant Hill please accept this letter of support strongly urging funding for the Peace Officer (Ranger) Law Enforcement Pilot Project in Northeast Los Angeles Hillside by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), under the DOJ Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Justice Community Project Funding request for FY2024 to the Subcommittee Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies.

Save Elephant Hill has been at the forefront of efforts to protect and preserve Elephant Hill's urban open space including an historic advocacy campaign that resulted in MRCA acquiring land on Elephant Hill. Since COVID lockdowns in 2020, Save Elephant Hill has been advocating for government agency support to put an end to illegal off highway motor vehicle use (hereafter off roading) and dumping taking place on the hillside. Illegal off roading and dumping threaten public health and safety and cause significant environmental damage to this unique natural resource in the heart of the city, including threats to local wildlife. We applaud your office and MRCA for proactively seeking funds to support this work.

This project will provide essential peace officers and staff to address illegal uses that occur in local parkland. Importantly, this project will demonstrate that funding the consistent presence of law enforcement officers on these hillsides is necessary for natural resource protection and community safety.

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This Federal contribution will help provide services that have not previously been available to communities that have been under-resourced, environmentally burdened and underserved. Save Elephant Hill enthusiastically supports the content and immediacy of this funding request and urges the House Appropriations Committee to approve the Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

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Elva Yañez
Board President

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Hugo Garcia
Board Treasurer