

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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Honorable Chair Steve Bennett County of Ventura Board of Supervisors 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Letter of Support Regarding Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone

Dear Honorable Chair Bennett and Board of Supervisors:

On January 31, 2019, the Ventura County Planning Commission held a hearing for the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Project. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the proposal to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, with some recommendations for changes. The City of Ojai has a history of supporting initiatives that enhance the protection of our environment, and our wildlife. The City of Ojai enthusiastically supports this recommendation.

Wildlife corridors in Ventura County are important to protect the genetic diversity and health of wildlife in many ways. This proposal serves as a comprehensive proposal to advance efforts to protect wildlife and enhance increased connectivity through critical wildlife corridors. These corridors pass through unincorporated County land, and impact incorporated cities, including Ojai. Preservation of the regional wildlife corridors through Ojai depend on efforts of both the City and the County.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, tim milling

Steve McClary, City Manager

CC: City of Ojai City Councilmembers

