



# CITY OF MOORPARK

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January 30, 2019

Honorable Planning Commission  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Re: January 31, 2019 Public Hearing to Consider County-Initiated Amendments to the Ventura County General Plan and Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 18 of the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance, including Zoning Map Revisions to establish a Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Overlay Zone and a Critical Wildlife Passage Areas Overlay Zone and to Adopt Regulations therein; and to Consider a Finding that the Project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (PLI 6 -0127).**

Dear Honorable Planning Commission,

On January 19, 2017, the City of Moorpark sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding extending its support in their Consideration of Initiation of Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone (attached).

Wildlife corridors in Ventura County connecting the Sierra Madre Mountains to the Santa Monica Mountains are important to protect the genetic diversity and health of wildlife as it allows for breeding to take place among a larger pool of animals. These corridors pass through unincorporated County land as well as through incorporated cities, including Moorpark.

Policy 15.5 of Moorpark's Land Use Element states, "The City shall require developers to maintain wildlife corridors to allow for the passage of animals between designated open space or recreational areas." However, preservation of the regional wildlife corridors through Moorpark depends on the efforts of both the City and County. The establishment of an overlay zone by the County would support the goals and policies of the City's General Plan. Should the County establish of a Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone, the City Council will consider a similar effort for wildlife corridors extending through Moorpark.

City staff will be available to provide information on wildlife corridors within Moorpark to support the County's effort. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Troy Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Troy Brown  
City Manager

cc: Honorable City Council  
Deborah S. Traffenstedt, Assistant City Manager  
Joseph Fiss, Acting Community Development Director