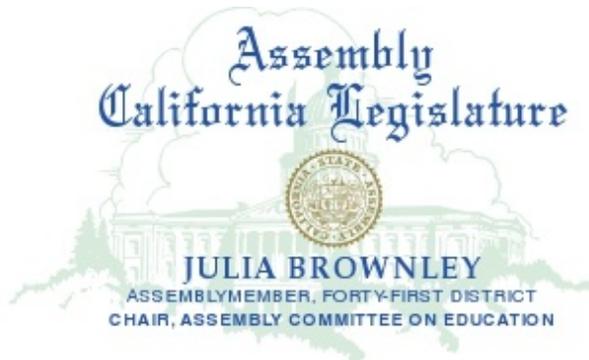


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October 29, 2012

Joe Edmiston, Executive Director
Members of the Board and Advisory Committee
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100
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Re: Agenda Item 12 – Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor acquisitions

Dear Mr. Edmiston, Board and Committee members:

I am pleased to write in strong support of an application to the Wildlife Conservation Board for Proposition 117 funds to acquire parcels needed for a critical wildlife crossing at the choke point of Liberty Canyon and Highway 101, and to do so on behalf of Save Open Space.

The land on both the north and south side of Highway 101 at Liberty Canyon has been under threat of development year after year. The opportunities to make acquisitions from willing sellers are rare. This project appears to remain on the SMMC Work Program, and constitutes the only viable crossing of the 101 for mountain lions and other large mammals for miles in either direction. The death of a lion just a year ago as it was forced to try and cross the 405 freeway was a pointed reminder of the very few options that lions have to expand their habitat in this urbanized area, and to avoid the inbreeding that may already be taking place.

I believe that this application precisely meets the intent of the voters in passing Proposition 117, and respectfully urge the Board and Advisory Committee to file the WCB application on behalf of SOS. Thank you for your most serious consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Brownley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

JULIA BROWNLEY
Assemblywoman, 41st District