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Yaroslavsky Support Letter Item 2

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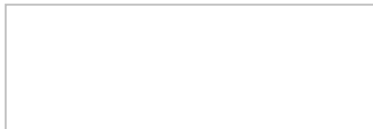
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Greetings,

The Councilwoman is submitting the attached letter in regards to Item 2 on today's RC agenda. Please circulate as appropriate with the RC Members.

Thank you,

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February 1, 2024

Hon. Art Brown
President, Southern California Association of Governments
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Dear President Brown and Regional Council Members:

Colleagues, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Item 2 on the February Regional Council Agenda.

While I cannot join you today, I want to applaud the staff and all stakeholders who have spent time and resources to bring the SoCal Greenprint to this point.

Put plainly, the So Cal Greenprint will serve as a useful resource that demonstrates the best of what SCAG as our regional planning body can accomplish. The So Cal Greenprint will be instructive for local governments as the region continues to grow and plan. Because our watersheds, wildlife corridors, air quality and economic activity overlap jurisdictions, it is important that we have the ability to comprehensively visualize these issues at a regional scale. The beloved Santa Monica Mountains in my district are a perfect example of the jurisdictional complexity of our treasured natural resources.

As Southern California grows and develops, the vibrancy and health of its communities requires an understanding of how to best incorporate nature into our growing region, including ensuring that vulnerable communities and communities of color have equitable access to nature. Data is a critical tool in planning for communities that will have the environmental resources needed to ensure resilience in the face of climate threats, sustainability, economic vitality and public health; including park space, clean air and water, and habitat for the diverse plants and wildlife that call

Southern California home. It will certainly be a tool the City of Los Angeles can refer to as we finalize and implement the proposed Wildlife Ordinance.

Moreover, the SoCal Greenprint will help integrate nature early into the planning process for transportation, water and energy infrastructure and housing projects, reducing the risk for delays and costly expenses from potential mitigation needs, permitting challenges or community concerns.

The So Cal Greenprint is not only a good idea as a tool for the region, but it is also tied to mitigation action that SCAG committed to in past Regional Transportation Plans. It is essential that SCAG follow through on such mitigation commitments.

Sincerely,



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