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**Dear Planning Commission Members:**

**We are writing as past residents of Los Angeles County, living for several years in the City of Long Beach. Although we currently live in the San Francisco Bay area, we left our hearts in southern California. We continue to visit the area frequently as we still have many family and friends there. As committed conservationists, we are asking you, as you make recommendations for the 2035 General Plan Update, to protect the remarkable and unique natural heritage of Los Angeles County through expanded Significant Ecological Area (SEA) boundaries. The SEAs are the only home left for our remaining wildlife and provide beauty and enjoyment for people. The expanded SEAs have been developed through a sound scientific process, and are needed to balance the major growth called for in the new General Plan. Besides expansion, in order to make SEAs stronger, connectivity should be added as a defining factor.**

**We also support the need for a revised SEA Ordinance that is both efficient for applicants and effective for resource protection. Finally, please look to innovative implementation mechanisms such as density transfers and comprehensive agreements with landowners.**

**Please take the long view and make sure that nature is able to survive human population growth and the other ecosystem resource challenges it faces. We believe that the proposed Expanded SEAs are our best and only hope. Thank you for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

**John and Becky Bradley**

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