



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains

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TO: Councilmember Mitchell Englander
9207 Oakdale Avenue
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Re: Support for motion of Council File 17-0941 to make it a misdemeanor to use City streets to knowingly transport construction material to an unlicensed or unpermitted site

Dear Councilmember Mitchell Englander:

The **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association's** (SSMPA's) mission is to preserve and protect the open space in the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains.

SSMPA thanks you and your staff for acting in accord with our mission of preservation by conceiving, introducing and shepherding the potential ordinance defined by Council File 17-0941 through the Los Angeles City Council.

We praise your initiative and outside-the-box thinking that may at long last inhibit illegal dumping and grading in the Santa Susana Mountains. SSMPA heartily supports your request to the City Attorney to draft an ordinance which will make it a misdemeanor for anyone to use city streets to knowingly transport materials to dump at an unlicensed operation.

SSMPA suggests two adjustments that we think will strengthen the effects of your proposed ordinance.

1. Increase the per violation fine to \$2500.
2. Install a sign at the entrance to Brown's Canyon to inform transporters that there are no properly licensed dumping sites on the road ahead (to address possible evasions related to "knowingly").

We sincerely appreciate your leadership on this issue, Mitch!

Gratefully,

Thomas A Nachtrab

Tom Nachtrab, SSMPA Board President

Darlene Brothers-Wageman

Darlene Brothers-Wageman, SSMPA Director

About **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association:**

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 45 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

SSMPA's mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and regional open space.

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