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Dear Mr. Patonai:

The Los Angeles City Council adopted the Vacation Request and Revocable Permission to close, occupy and to build, VAC-E1400538, CF #95-2339, Canyonback Road from Mountaingate Drive to approximately 1940 feet northerly thereof on April 4, 2003. The applicant, the Crown Homeowners Association, has been working with the Bureau of Engineering to complete the conditions for a revocable permit in order to build a gate at the entrance of Canyonback Road.

Canyonback Road presents a unique situation, due to a public trail-head that is located at the west end of the street. In accordance with condition 4 of the revocable permission; satisfactory arrangements have been made between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Council District 11 and the community to ensure that during daylight hours adequate recreational access, and parking, be provided for hikers and bikers needing access to the Santa Monica Mountains and trail system.

The Conservancy, the Crown Homeowners Association and my office have agreed that signage will be posted at the gate directing visitors who wish to access the trail-head, on the western end of Canyonback Road, to do so by using the handset to call a guard, and requesting entrance through the pedestrian gates or if available, by parking in marked spaces along Canyonback Road. The public will be allowed to enter Canyonback Road daily from 7am to 7pm in order to use the trail head. The above mentioned parties have agreed that 5 parking spaces will be provided along Canyonback Road for public use, during day light hours. Parking spaces will be marked by a green curb and signage stating that the spaces are reserved for trail visitors. If all 5 designated spaces are occupied, the public can access the trail-head using the pedestrian gates.

I will be introducing a motion to amend the conditions of VAC-E1400538 to state that upon completion of the conditions for the vacation of Canyonback Road, the adjacent property owners grant pedestrian, public access and limited car access easements to the City of Los Angeles and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MCRA). The easements will ensure that public access continues once the gate and privatization of the street are complete.

Sincerely,

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