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Support AB 1788 (Bloom) California Ecosystems Protection Act

Anticoagulant rodenticides are posing a critical threat to wildlife and pets in Los Angeles County, including species that are already threatened such as mountain lions, as evidenced most recently by the death of P-47, a three-year-old mountain lion living in the Santa Monica Mountains. P-47’s remains contained anticoagulant compounds and the animal had suffered internal hemorrhaging of its organs.

According to studies and data from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Environmental Protection Agency, toxins contained in anticoagulant rodenticides have poisoned dozens of avian and mammal species in the state, including in Los Angeles County. Many threatened and endangered species and critical predators have shown significant exposure to anticoagulants.

In Los Angeles County and surrounding regions there is ongoing commitment and investment to acquire and restore habitat and linkages that support wildlife. The negative effects on critical species caused by the use of these toxins are counter to those important efforts.

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AB 1788 (Bloom) – the California Ecosystems Protection Act – would help protect animals from unintentional rodenticide poisoning by banning the use and sale of 2nd generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) statewide and the use of 1st generation anticoagulant rodenticides on state-owned property.

Los Angeles County contains many areas of Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) where important wildlife species interact with developed human communities. This bill would expand the existing statewide ban of SGARs in state wildlife areas to a complete ban of SGARs. This is critical in Los Angeles County as the region is made up of many WUI areas and vital species in Los Angeles are being lethally impacted.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the County's Sacramento advocates to support AB 1788 and send a five-signature letter to the author.

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