PROJECT COYOTE





Help Ensure Permanent Ban on Indiscriminate Coyote Trapping in Calabasas California

Urge City Council to Adopt Humane & Progressive Coyote Management Plan

Comments due by Oct. 11th

Join us in urging the City of Calabasas, California to make permanent its temporary ban on indiscriminate coyote killing and to instead work with Project Coyote and the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) in adopting and implementing a progressive, humane, coyote coexistence plan that emphasizes public education, reducing coyote/wildlife attractants, and hazing of habituated coyotes.

After public outcry against the indiscriminate and cruel trapping coyotes in the City by a county trapper, the City temporarily suspended the killing pending further review.

The City is currently reviewing the issue and will submit a recommended course of action to the Calabasas City Council on Oct. 5th. This will be posted on the City's website on Oct. 5th for public review. There will be a public hearing on the issue on October 12th and the City Council will vote on the issue that evening. Check here (after Oct. 5th) for more information about the hearing and to see a copy of the proposed plan.

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED! Please sign <u>our petition</u> and help us reach our goal of 10,000 signatures and submit comments by Oct. 11th to the City Council via the City Clerk by email- <u>gpeirce@cityofcalabasas.com</u> (*letters from outside Calabasas will be considered in the official record- but remember to include your name, address, and email when submitting public comments*).

Address letters to:

Calabasas City Council 100 Civic Center Way Calabasas, CA 91301

TALKING POINTS (please be respectful and personalize your message):

*Commend the City of Calabasas for its decision to stop spending tax dollars on

coyote trapping and killing and urge the City Council to make the temporary moratorium permanent.

- * Indiscriminate trapping of coyotes is not an effective or humane solution to reduce real or perceived conflicts between people, coyotes, and domestic animals. Coyotes are here to stay. We must learn to coexist. Education is the key.
- *There are many effective non-lethal methods for reducing negative encounters between people, coyotes, and domestic animals. More info here.
- *Coyotes play an important role in keeping rodent populations in check and ecosystems clean of carrion (dead things). Coyotes also help to limit mescarnivoress (e.g. foxes, skunks) thereby helping boost bird populations and diversity.

*The City of Calabasas has an opportunity to become a trend-setter with regard to coexisting with our wild neighbors and continuing to emphasize the strong environmental values held by the community. Encourage the City of Calabasas to work with Project Coyote and AWI in adopting and implementing a model coyote management plan.

If you live in the Calabasas/LA area, please join Project Coyote and the Animal Welfare Institute in testifying before the City Council (max 3 min. testimony):

When: Oct. 12th @ 7pm

Where: City Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, California

More info. <u>here</u> (agenda and revised proposed coyote management plan will be posted on Oct. 5th)

Thank you for helping America's native Song Dog!