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re: draft Rural Outdoor Lighting District (Dark Skies) Ordinance

Mr. Durbin and Members of the Board:

The Antelope Valley Conservancy Board of Directors appreciates this opportunity to support the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' adoption of the draft Rural Outdoor Lighting District (Dark Skies) Ordinance. Antelope Valley Conservancy would also like to commend the County of Los Angeles staff who worked on this Ordinance.

Antelope Valley Conservancy is a public benefit corporation that preserves habitat and watershed resources in the Antelope-Fremont Valleys and upper Santa Clara River Watersheds, comprising northern Los Angeles County. We appreciate the County of Los Angeles' recognition that light emissions warrant regulation, and your leadership in support of Dark Skies goals and objectives. Light trespass disrupts basic biological functions of certain animals and birds, and AVC appreciates the County's protection of threatened habitats from light trespass.

AVC believes that the community's conversion to the lighting specifications outlined in this Ordinance will promote Dark Sky objectives and benefit wildlife. AVC respectfully requests your support for this Ordinance.

Best Wishes for Health and Happiness in the New Year,

Respectfully Submitted,

By Resolution of the Board of Directors

ANTELOPE VALLEY CONSERVANCY

Gary Moll, Chairman