



Community Comments on National Park Service, Rim of the Valley Study
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“The Rim of the Valley Trail will serve as truly a living educational resource for urban residents. Anytime a child has the opportunity to hike through open space or be surrounded by a region’s unique natural and cultural history, important learning occurs. In the past 80 years, I don’t believe that many residents of the Southland have had appropriate access to such educational experiences. Now is our opportunity to make that happen.”

“The Rim of the Valley Trail is a lasting way to connect all of us to our region's stunning natural wonders and cultural riches. Its creation celebrates diversity--ours, and that of the Southland's flora and fauna.”

Brad Rumble,
Principal, Esperanza Elementary School
Board Member, Los Angeles Audubon Society

“The Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA) supports the Rim of the Valley (ROTV) to protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources for humans and wildlife in Southern California. The ROTV is critical for the survival of animals providing wildlife corridors from the desert to the sea, through mountains and hill passages, saving native plants and trees, boulders-rocks, watersheds, the unique vista of this land.”

Carla Bollinger
Board Member
Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

“With the skyrocketing rates of obesity and diabetes we are seeing in Asian and Pacific Islander communities, APIOPA believes we need to be working harder to increase the number of healthy spaces our families can access. We support the Rim of the Valley because it brings healthy choices for physical activity to our communities, which so often do not have that luxury.”

Scott Chan
Director
Asian and Pacific Islander Obesity Prevention Alliance

“Too often in the modern world we’re forced to choose between people and nature. But the National Park Service’s Rim of the Valley expansion is one of those rare opportunities that’s win-win for everyone. Increasing the green space in the Santa Monica Mountains up to four times will provide access to nature that many urban communities have never before had, while also providing critical habitat for local wildlife. It’s truly a transformative opportunity for all the people, plants, and animals that call Southern California home.”

Ramya Sivasubramanian
Staff Attorney, Environmental Justice
Natural Resources Defense Council

“The City Project supports the Rim of the Valley as part of a diverse and growing alliance committed to health and environmental justice, and increased access to healthy green land use for underserved communities. Expanding national recreation areas would advance environmental justice, human health and local green jobs by creating recreation opportunities for park poor, income poor communities and communities of color. Diversifying access to and support for healthy green land use appeals to the diverse values at stake for all people of Southern California.”

Robert Garcia
Founder Director and Counsel
The City Project

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