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Subject: Support for Annandale Canyon Estates acquisition

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Council members,

As a neighboring trails and open space organization, the La Canada Flintridge Trails Council strongly supports Pasadena's acquisition of the Annandale Canyon Estates property for preservation in perpetuity as open space. The city's \$2,000,000 contribution toward the total cost of the property makes a clear statement of Pasadena's concern for the protection of the dwindling open space resources in our region.

We were also pleased to read in the Agenda Report that the city is considering building trails on the property. It would be interesting to explore whether these trails might be connected to the extensive trail network which Glendale is planning in the San Rafael Hills as well as to our La Canada Flintridge trails in Cherry Canyon.

You might also be interested to know that on February 28, La Canada Flintridge will dedicate the Descanso Trail segment of the Loop Trail around our city which was first envisioned back in the 1970s. There will then only remain two small segments which must be finished to complete the Loop. Although you might wonder why this is of interest to Pasadena, our trails in LCF, Pasadena, Altadena, and South Pasadena are all part of one extensive regional trail network which has the potential to be one of the best urban trail networks in the country. There are recreational, health and economic benefits which all our communities will receive if we work together to strengthen our trails.

The Trails Council would be happy to be of assistance in any way we can as you extend your trails both in Annandale Canyon and in the Eaton Canyon area.

Thank you for your leadership and hard work on this open space issue.

Mary E. Barrie for the La Canada Flintridge Trails Council