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Subject: Wildlife Sightings in Green Belt Area Proposed for Zoning Change

Dear City Clerk,

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that deer, foxes, and other small animals, such as rabbits, have been sighted multiple times in the green belt adjacent to the area under consideration for a zoning change. This change would convert the habitat into a subdivision with 17 detached residential lots. Additionally, this area is home to numerous snakes, bird species that typically nest in the trees, including songbirds, and others, which rely on the natural environment for their survival. The green belt also contains a significant number of mature trees, which provide essential shelter and nesting sites for these species. In the Ancaster area, other wildlife such as squirrels, raccoons, and occasional sightings of larger mammals like coyotes also contribute to the rich biodiversity of this green space. If it becomes absolutely necessary to disturb this area, I strongly urge that measures be taken to relocate these animals with minimal impact to their habitat. This could include carefully planned relocation efforts in collaboration with wildlife experts to ensure their safety and the preservation of their natural behaviors, ideally to nearby protected areas where they can thrive without disruption, while also prioritizing the preservation of as many mature trees as possible.

Sincerely,

Imtiaz Kiani