SCOPE

Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment

TO PROMOTE, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

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Executive Office Honorable Supervisors Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors 500 W. Temple St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Support for Agenda Item 47

Honorable Supervisors:

We write to express our Board's support for this Ordinance.

We urged the Board to allow Community Standard Districts (CSDs) to retain their "Dark Sky" light restrictions where such restrictions are more protective than those proposed by the County Ordinance or where the County Overlay does not accurately represent the area specified as rural or wildlife preserve with stricter lighting standards. It appears that the County has made a great effort to incorporate the individual preferences of each Community Standards District while ensuring energy savings and the reduction of light pollution. We know that this must have been no small feat, and we appreciate the County's hard work to make this happen.

Our previous correspondence to the County of this matter requested that the ordinance also address street lighting and excessive lighting from new development. It appears that the County has also addressed these issues – Thank you!

We continue to suggest that the Public Works Department be mandated to replace out-dated lighting that does not conform to energy efficiency or reduced glare standards on a scheduled renovation basis throughout the County areas. Low energy, low glare lighting should be used for replacing damaged light poles or lighting that must be replaced for any other reason.

Conclusion

Thank you again for your efforts to make these important quality of life changes for our communities and for adding these tools to the County Planning process.

Sincerely,

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President