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As per telefax (805) 654-2509  
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Josias Gonzalez,

I am a real estate appraiser and expert witness with over 30 years of experience in California. I wrote and lobbied to get an amendment to Los Angeles County zoning to allow wildlife rehabilitation in 2006 i.e. Ordinance 2006-0019 amending section 22.08.180 ( [http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/ord\\_drp-wild-animal-ord.pdf](http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/ord_drp-wild-animal-ord.pdf) ). I wrote and lobbied to change the wildlife policy for the City of Los Angeles so it would comply with Fish & Wildlife regulations in 2004 ( <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20040824005654/en/City-Los-Angeles-Approves-Wildlife-Policy> ). I have been a real estate expert for noise and animal legal cases for 30 years. I am familiar with legally acceptable sound levels and planning and zoning issues as they relate to all types of animals including exotic, wildlife, farm or domestic animals.

I am also President of non-profit Animal Advocates in Los Angeles. Animal Advocates rescues ill, injured and orphaned native wildlife for release back to the wild. We have rehabilitated coyotes, bobcats, foxes, raccoons... We have also rehabilitated a wolfdog with guidance and help from Lockwood Animal Rescue Center. We highly recommend their center.

We have worked with Dr. Lorin Lindner, Matthew Simmons and their veterinarian Dr. Jennifer Conrad for over ten years. My volunteers and I have visited the facility quite a few times. Their facility has always been very well maintained, clean and secure.

As a real estate expert I can confirm that their facility does not have a negative impact on the neighbors or neighborhood. I support Lockwood's application for a conditional use permit. I am willing to testify to this at the public meeting for the conditional use permit. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Cummins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Cummins  
President  
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Over 30 years of experience!