

Sarah Godinez

From: Bess Ng <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2026 10:25 PM
To: askr5@wildlife.ca.gov; info@cwildlife.com; info@humanesociety.org; City Clerk; bos@bos.lacounty.gov
Subject: Monrovia bear incident: Please relocate

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Hi California Department of Fish and Wildlife,

I'm writing about the recent incident in Monrovia involving a mother bear and her cubs. I understand a woman was injured while walking her dog, and that the bear believed to be involved has since been captured along with her cubs.

From what has been reported, the injuries were not life-threatening, and this appears to have been a defensive situation involving a mother protecting her young rather than an unprovoked attack. The bear had also been living in the area for some time, which reflects how often wildlife and neighborhoods are now overlapping.

I respectfully ask that you consider relocating the mother bear and her cubs instead of euthanizing her. This feels like a situation where a humane solution is possible—one that keeps the public safe while also giving this animal a chance to continue living in a more appropriate habitat.

Thanks,

Bess

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From: Espi Bagwell [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 10:27 AM
To: Brandon.Munk@wildlife.ca.gov; AskR5@wildlife.ca.gov; Becky Shevlin; sjimenez@monrovia.gov; Tamala Kelly; Edward Belden; Larry Spicer; Alice Atkins
Subject: Re: Urgent Appeal Regarding the Relocation of Resident Mother Bear and Cubs

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Dear Mayor, Members of the Monrovia City Council, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife:

I am writing on behalf of concerned Monrovia residents and animal rights advocates to request the immediate release and return of the mother bear and her cubs recently removed from our community.

While public safety is a priority, it is vital to distinguish between predatory behavior and maternal protection. Reports indicate the mother's actions were not unprovoked aggression, but rather a defensive warning—a biological response intended to safeguard her cubs from human interference.

Relocation often serves as a death sentence for bears. Studies show that relocated families frequently perish while attempting to trek back across high-traffic freeways, face fatal territorial conflicts with resident male bears, or starve without established knowledge of local food sources.

Monrovia prides itself on being a "Bear City." Penalizing a mother for natural maternal instincts sets a dangerous precedent for our wildlife management policies. I respectfully urge the City Council to work with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to return this family to the foothills. Our community is better served by increased "bear-aware" public education than by the forced removal of local wildlife.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to our city's unique ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Espi Bagwell
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I am writing to you today on behalf of concerned Monrovia resident and animal rights advocates to advocate for the immediate release and return of the mother bear and her cubs recently removed from our community.

While public safety is a primary concern for all Monrovians, it is vital to distinguish between a "predatory" bear and a "protective" mother. Reports of the mother's behavior indicate she did not act with unprovoked aggression. Instead, she provided what is biologically recognized as a defensive warning—a gentle nudge or vocalization intended to safeguard her cubs from perceived human interference.

Relocating a mother and her cubs is often a death sentence. Studies show that relocated bears frequently:

- Risk Death by Trekking: Attempting to return to Monrovia, they often perish crossing high-traffic freeways.

- Face Territorial Conflict: Being dropped into unfamiliar territory puts the cubs at high risk of being killed by resident male bears.
- Starve: Without the mother's established knowledge of local food sources, the family's survival rate drops significantly.

Monrovia prides itself on being a "Bear City." We have lived alongside these animals for decades. To penalize a mother for displaying natural maternal instincts sets a dangerous precedent for our local wildlife management policies.

I respectfully urge the City Council to work with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow this family to be returned to the foothills they call home. Our community would be better served by increased public education on "bear-aware" behavior rather than the forced removal of a mother doing her best to raise her young.

Thank you for your time and for your dedication to our city's unique ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Espi Bagwell

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From: Amira Hello <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 11:19 AM
To: Becky Shevlin
Cc: AskR5@wildlife.ca.gov; Sergio Jimenez; Alice Atkins
Subject: SAVE THE MOTHER BEAR

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Dear Miss Mayor Becky Shevlin,
Dear California Fish and Wildlife Department, Dresser City of Monrovia or to whom this may concern,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to reconsider any plans for lethal action regarding the bear involved in the recent incident in Monrovia.

From what has been shared, this situation appears to be a case of defensive behavior rather than predatory aggression. The presence of a barking dog played a significant role, as wildlife commonly perceive dogs as threats. This can naturally trigger a protective response, especially in a high-stress encounter.

Additionally, it is important to consider that the bear has cubs. Maternal instincts significantly increase defensive behavior, and what occurred may have been the result of the bear attempting to protect her young rather than posing an ongoing danger to the community.

We understand the importance of public safety, but we also believe there are humane and effective non-lethal management options available—such as relocation, increased monitoring, or community education on wildlife coexistence. These approaches can help prevent future incidents while preserving the life of this animal and maintaining ecological balance.

As members of the community, we are asking that you prioritize compassionate and responsible solutions. Many people care deeply about protecting wildlife and would support efforts that allow this bear and her cubs to live safely without unnecessary harm.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to both public safety and wildlife conservation. I hope you will take these factors into account and explore non-lethal alternatives.

Sincerely,
Miss Amira Hello
Current Local Resident of Arcadia,
Native of Monrovia Foothill Community
Monrovia High Alumni c/o 2004



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