

## Rare Griffith Park Conservation Opportunity 2630 & 2700 Canyon Drive

*Update: Hillside Land Under Contract; \$35,000+ Needed by May 8th*

These two undeveloped lots comprise a hillside just outside the Bronson Canyon entrance to Griffith Park on Canyon Drive. The site is one and a quarter acres and features protected sycamore and coast live oak trees – the largest of which is 60' tall – as well as habitat for deer, coyotes, birds, and other wildlife. Fundraising has yielded pledges of nearly \$465,000 toward a \$500,000 purchase price. A coalition of conservationists and park-lovers is working to purchase this site in order to protect it from development and effectively expand Griffith Park.

*On April 24th, we secured a purchase agreement on these hillside gems. We now need to raise \$35,000+ in less than two weeks to preserve this land forever. Once purchased, it will be held by a local public agency dedicated to protecting open space – and will never be developed. Please see below, and [join our effort](#) if you can!*



- The northern boundary of [these two lots](#) is directly adjacent to Griffith Park's Canyon Drive entrance. The Bronson Caves (aka "The Bat Cave") and trails are just inside [Bronson Park](#), which is loved by local hikers and visitors from across the city and around the world.
- These two lots came on the market a year ago with a combined asking price of \$1.15 million. We have secured a purchase agreement for less than half that amount: \$500,000.
- In order to secure this greatly reduced price, our coalition had to agree to a shortened, 21-day escrow. *We must therefore raise at least \$35,000 by May 8<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing, that is less than two weeks away.*
- If the deal falls through, developers would likely take a shot at purchasing the land for construction. Previous to our effort, the sellers had accepted a development offer that later fell out of escrow.
- Despite the challenges of fundraising in the COVID-19 era, we believe this is a once-in-a-generation conservation opportunity that will expand local parkland and preserve precious wildlife habitat.
- We are working in partnership with the [Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority](#), a local public agency that acquires, preserves & protects open space, wildlife habitat and parkland. Our partners also include LA City Councilman David Ryu, Friends of Griffith Park, Oaks Homeowners Association and more.
- **Please visit [www.friendsofgriffithpark.org](http://www.friendsofgriffithpark.org) to donate.**

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