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November 18, 2019

Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Chair
Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee
LA City Council c/o City Clerk
200 North Spring St, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: **Support** for Strengthened Enforcement of the Protected Tree Ordinance (CF-03-1459-S3)

Honorable Councilmember Blumenfield and the Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee:

Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) is a non-profit environmental organization concerned with the well-being of wildlife and wildlife habitat for the City of Los Angeles and beyond. A citizenry of more than 3000 individuals support our organization's multiple calls for biodiverse practices and policy to benefit LA City, County, California, and the globe.

As LA's local advocate for wildlife and wildlands, CLAW strongly supports a comprehensive protection plan for our trees. LA's trees provide critical habitat for wildlife, in addition to the numerous benefits they offer to residents. This motion would take steps to strengthen protection of the trees that provide the highest level of quality, namely native trees and mature trees. Additionally, this motion will consider ways in which to mitigate one of the biggest threats to LA trees: damage or removal during the development process. CLAW urges City leadership to formalize and adopt the details of this motion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Tony Tucci, Chair

CLAW is a public benefit non-profit 501(c)(3) environmental organization that works to protect and restore the environments of wildlife of Los Angeles and California from dwindling open spaces. Our mission is to promote, educate and protect the fundamental importance of wildlife, wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors everywhere.