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Fwd: Letter of Support for Protected Tree Ordinance / Strengthened Enforcement

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------ Forwarded message ------From: Ileene Anderson <IAnderson@biologicaldiversity.org> Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2019 at 11:06 AM Subject: Letter of Support for Protected Tree Ordinance / Strengthened Enforcement To: CityClerk@lacity.org <CityClerk@lacity.org> Cc: Andy Shrader <andy.shrader@lacity.org>, J.P. Rose <JRose@biologicaldiversity.org>

Dear Ms. Holly L. Wolcott,

Please find the Center for Biological Diversity's letter of support to the City Council regarding strengthening the enforcement of the City's Protected Tree Ordinance. Could you please distribute our letter to all of the Councilmembers Offices.

Thank you!

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October 8, 2019

Los Angeles City Council c/o City Clerk 200 North Spring Street Room 360 Los Angeles, CA 90012 <u>CityClerk@lacity.org</u>

RE: Support for the Protected Tree Ordinance / Strengthened Enforcement

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

The Center for Biological Diversity strongly supports the Council taking up the motion that would require the Urban Forestry Division to work with the Planning Department and the Department of Building and Safety to convene and consult with stakeholder groups and reporting back within 75 days regarding recommendations for strengthening the Protected Tree Ordinance, including, but not limited to: determining methods to preserve overall native tree cover and habitat areas, limiting damage to trees retained during development, and possibly adding protected trees based on circumference and species notability.

Preserving, enhancing and increasing the number and diversity of trees, particularly native trees, within the City of Los Angeles is one of the most simple and beautiful ways to fight climate change while increasing the quality of life within the City. Please move this motion forward to hearing as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Ileene Anderson Senior Scientist Center for Biological Diversity

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