

Communication from Public

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the Quality of Life in Laurel Canyon*

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Amended Protected Tree Ordinance (CF 13-1339)

Dear Chair Blumenfield:

On behalf of the Laurel Canyon Association, we urge the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee to hold a hearing on the proposed amended protected tree ordinance that would add Mexican Elderberry and Toyon to the list of protected trees/shrubs.

The proposed ordinance has languished for too long – urgent action is required. Here in Laurel Canyon mature Mexican Elderberries and Toyon are being removed in the Santa Monica Mountains without any mitigation whatsoever. This is really a travesty as these trees/shrubs provide value ecosystem services to our native wildlife and sequester carbon for all of humanity's sake.

We implore the City to move forward and get this ordinance passed. I understand that the City is considering other regulations pertaining to trees, but that is no excuse for not moving this ordinance forward. We are so close to the finish line. We urge the City to just get this done.

Sincerely,

Jamie T. Hall
Laurel Canyon Association
President