

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Kremkus
Date Submitted: 07/19/2019 04:14 PM
Council File No: 13-1339
Comments for Public Posting: Please add the Mexican Elderberry and Toyon to the Protected Tree Ordinance.

NICHOLS CANYON

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

10 July 2019

Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee
City Council

RE: CF 13-1339 Protected Tree Ordinance Amendment to add Mexican Elderberry & Toyon - Support

Honorable Councilmembers,

I am writing to you today in support of adding the Mexican Elderberry and Toyon to the Protected Tree Ordinance.

Both the Mexican elderberry and toyon with their nourishing blooms and fruits provide invaluable habitat for our native birds. With many larger trees being lost to drought and insect infestation, it is more important than ever that we protect these smaller native trees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Kremkus', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julie Kremkus
Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association - President

Communication from Public

Name: Friends of Griffith Park
Date Submitted: 07/26/2019 12:28 PM
Council File No: 13-1339
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Friends of Griffith Park

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July 26, 2019

RE: 13-1339, Mexican Elderberry / Toyon - Support adding to Protected Tree List;
Further support for change of metric used for determining size of shrubs included for protection

To: Planning and Land Use Management Committee, Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee, and City Council

Friends of Griffith Park previously submitted support for Council File 13-1339 (July 10, 2019). We fully support adding the two species to the current protected tree species list, per that letter.

We would like to add that the current Urban Forestry Division (UFD) proposal for measuring protected toyon and elderberry is unacceptable (2 inches at 4.5 feet height). The plant morphology of both species, deemed to be shrubs by UFD, often presents with multiple trunks. The cumulative diameter method is the best solution for measurement. This is the same metric used for the current protected species. First, by using this method the language remains standardized across all species, and second, for protection purposes it makes sense to measure cumulatively for these two added species. Second, "multiple trunking" is prevalent with toyon and elderberry, just as it is for protected species already listed, especially Southern California black walnut and bay laurel.

We are aware that another measurement standard of 2 inches at 2.5 feet above ground was offered by UFD, and the compromise was agreed upon by Community Forest Advisory Committee, an advisory group we trust. However, Friends of Griffith Park would prefer to support a cumulative diameter measurement 4 inches at 4.5 feet height above ground. It makes much more sense!

As our previous letter states, we are very concerned about loss of these important species to brush clearance practices. We ask you adopt the protection of these two species and adopt them with the same standard of measurement as the others.

Sincerely,

Gerry Hans
VP, Science & Conservation

Marian Dodge
President

Communication from Public

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Re: **CF 13-1339 Protected Tree Ordinance Amendment to add Mexican Elderberry & Toyon - Support**

Honorable Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 42 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. At its meeting of January 3, 2018, the Hillside Federation voted to support amendment of the City's Protected Tree and Shrub Ordinance to include the Mexican elderberry and toyon.

Both the Mexican elderberry and toyon with their nourishing blooms and fruits provide invaluable habitat for our native birds. With many larger trees being lost to drought and insect infestation, it is more important than ever that we protect these smaller native trees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims
President

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