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PROTECTED TREES AND SHRUBS CODE AMENDMENT CASE #CPC-2016-4520-CA

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I am in writing in response to the LA City Council PLUM Committee meeting on Tuesday September 17, 2019 regarding the Protected Trees and Shrubs Ordinance Code Amendment, CF 13-1339.

I am writing as an individual even though I am a Board member of the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council and a member of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Trees Committee. I received this notice only a few days ago so there was not enough time to confer with NC Board members to vote on a CIS. I am sending this letter to the Clerk in addition to the Comment Portal.

In my opinion the Protected Trees Ordinance does not go far enough. Adding two more species, Toyon and Elderberry, to the Protected Trees Ordinance is good, but the problem is that protected trees are not really protected. What is meant by protection is that you just need to get a permit to cut down the protected trees and plant replacement trees. More often than not, protected trees are not replanted with protected trees. They are replanted with nursery stock. So after removing hundreds of protected trees the City of Los Angeles will no longer have any native, protected trees as part of our canopy. In addition, habitat cannot be replaced. The Ordinance calls for the doubling or quadrupling of the number of replacement trees on a site that has the habitat area significantly reduced to accommodate large single family homes or a large development. Trees don't reach maturity if they are overcrowded. Overcrowding promotes pests and disease.

Considering that our Los Angeles Urban Canopy has been decimated over the years by drought and lack of maintenance due to City budget cuts, I think the entire Protected Trees Ordinance needs to be reformed keeping in mind that protected trees should actually be PROTECTED.

Thank you.

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Dear Stakeholders,

This is to inform you that the Protected Trees and Shrubs Code Amendment, Case No. CPC-2016-4520-CA and Council File No. 13-1339, is scheduled before the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee of the City Council on Tuesday, September 17. The Committee hearing begins at 2:30 pm in Council Chambers, on the third floor of City Hall. City Hall is located at 200 north Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012. A link to the PLUM committee agenda can be found below.

http://ens.lacity.org/clk/committeegend/clkcommitteeagend26134432_09172019.html

More information, including the draft ordinance and other documents, may be accessed by following the link below.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=13-1339>

If you wish to submit further comment regarding this matter, please contact the office of the City Clerk at clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org, or contacting the PLUM committee chair's office at (213) 473-7008. You may also attend the Committee hearing and provide public comment on the proposed ordinance at that time.

If you have any further questions about the proposed ordinance itself, please feel free to contact me with the contact information provided below.

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