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Fwd: Council file 13 -1339

1 message

Gloria Pinon <gloria.pinon@lacity.org>

Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 2:00 PM

To: Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

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From: 'Kamila Jeevanjee' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Date: Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 12:17 PM

Subject: Council file 13 -1339

To: <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, <councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org>, <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>

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Planning and Land Use Management Committee

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RE: Council file 13-1339, Support adding Toyon and Elderberry to the Protected Tree and Shrub Ordinance

Honorable Council Members:

I am writing to support the addition of the Mexican Elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*) and the Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) species to the Protected Tree Ordinance.

I believe that protecting these species is important to the Citizens of Los Angeles, as well as our native wild flora and fauna. Protecting these species is critical to helping us meet the challenges posed by climate change, deforestation and increased urbanization.

It is critical that we protect these species, not only in name but in actual fact. Therefore, I urge you to adopt the measurement standard compromise adopted by our Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) of a single trunk measuring 2 inches at 2.5 feet above the ground.

These species are fire and drought adapted and many significant specimens present as multiple-trunked. Furthermore, as a result of the additional impacts caused by the City's brush clearance program, an even larger number present as multiple-trunked. As a result, I believe that the original proposal - to measure the trunks using a cumulative standard - is more appropriate. However, I believe the CFAC proposal is a **good compromise**.

I urge you to act to protect these species and to adopt the proposed CFAC standard of measurement.

9/17/2019

City of Los Angeles Mail - Fwd: Council file 13 -1339

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone



Re: Council file 13-1339, Support adding Toyon and Elderberry to the Protected Tree and Shrub Ordinance

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Gloria Pinon <gloria.pinon@lacity.org>

Tue, Sep 17, 2019 at 8:32 AM

To: lindagtorn@gmail.com

Cc: Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

Thank you for comments. The City Clerk's Office now has a new centralized Public Comment Portal for you to submit your comments on items considered by City Council.

Future comments must be submitted to: LACouncilComment.com

Thank You

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On Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 5:17 PM Linda Torn <lindagtorn@gmail.com> wrote:

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Sincerely,
Linda Torn
[4001 Evadale Drive](#)
[Los Angeles, Ca. 90031](#)

Sent from my iPhone

Diana <dzogran@roadrunner.com>

Mon, Sep 17, 2019 at 3:48 PM

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 a horticulture consultant and ecological landscape professional. I am writing as an individual, even though I am the horticulture advisor to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) Trees Committee and the Chair of the Urban Ecologies Committee of the NCSA, because there was not enough time to confer with the NCSA committee members. I am opposed to the amendment to add the Toyon and Mexican Elderberry to the protected tree ordinance because the measurement rule would disqualify most toyon and elderberry trees while at the same time allowing these smaller stature trees to be used as replacements for the much larger stature protected trees such as the Coast Live Oak and Western Sycamore, a decision that would be made at the sole discretion of the Urban Forestry Director. By failing to replace tree species in-kind, the ecosystem service impacts and ecological impacts will not be mitigated, because the canopy spread and habitat type will be changed entirely. And I disagree strongly with the vague approach of allowing out-of-kind replacements at the sole discretion of the Urban Forestry Director without at least having written restrictions, parameters or guidelines on replacing protected tree species out-of-kind and having those decisions reviewed by a qualified biologist.
