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Via Email

LA City Councilman Mike Bonin
City Hall
200 N. Spring Hall, Room 475
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File #14-0019-Street Tree Policies and Guidelines

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

Los Angeles Audubon has been a voice for birds and conservation in Los Angeles for 103 years. Our mission is to promote the enjoyment and protection of birds and other wildlife through recreation, education, conservation and restoration. We have over 3,500 members and supporters, most of whom live in Los Angeles.

We understand that the Public Works Committee will be hearing item #8 relative to your motion regarding the City of Los Angeles tree trimming contracts and measures for trimming and pruning work done by contractors and permitted residents, and compliance with the City's established tree guidelines and policies. **The major impacts of tree trimming are on nesting birds.**

We offer our Los Angeles Audubon Tree Trimming Guidelines in English and Spanish for adoption by the City, or any part thereof that may be useful.

Culver City has already adopted these guidelines as a matter of city policy, and we would hope that the City of Los Angeles would at the very least review and consider adopting some or all of these guidelines for city employees and for compliance with contracts with outside contractors, and sub-contractors.

The link to the guidelines on our website in English and Spanish is: <http://losangelesaudubon.org/index.php/tree-trimming-guidelines-mainmenu-155>

We are happy to provide printed copies if needed, or answer any further questions.

Regards,

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