

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This Motion was put forth nearly two years ago, and yes, I'm in support of it passing, but please put a 60 day deadline on all the report backs from the various city departments. There is MUCH greater urgency now in protecting habitat and biodiversity before it's too late, and we cannot afford more years going by without action. CFAC would like to be involved in discussions and recommendations, including expanding the protected tree ordinance, private development policies, appropriate mitigation measures to achieve a greater canopy cover, considerations of full economic & environmental costs/benefits of trees, and integrating biodiversity requirements into other policies. IN THE MEANTIME!!!: REQUIRE conducting a proper environmental review for projects, and at a minimum an MND for CEQA. The current Protected Tree Ordinance SHOULD NOT be used as a substitute for a proper environmental review. REQUIRE an inventory of natural resources, wildlife habitat & trees with the first step in the permitting review for every project, with special protection for woodlands in the hillsides.