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MOTION

I MOVE that the MOTION (Koretz – Blumenfield – Bonin – Huizar) relative to strategies to protect and improve biodiversity in the City, and the feasibility of implementing the City Biodiversity Index, CF 15-0499 and Item No. 25 on today’s Council agenda, BE AMENDED to adopt the following recommendations in lieu of the recommendations contained in the Motion:

- INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) to confer with the Mayor’s Sustainability Team, and the following City departments, to report to the Council in 120 days on options/programs to sustain and enhance biodiversity in the City, including the City’s areas of responsibility outside the City (for example, the Owens Valley):
 - Planning Department,
 - Bureau of Street Services (BSS)/Urban Forestry Division,
 - Department of Recreation & Parks,
 - Port of Los Angeles,
 - Department of Water & Power,
 - Los Angeles World Airports,
 - Zoo Department,
 - Chief Legislative Analyst; and
 - Other relevant City departments;

- INSTRUCT the BOS, in conjunction with the specified City departments, to solicit input from local universities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and relevant governmental agencies including the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum to develop:
 - 1) Citywide evaluation metrics for a biodiversity index (modeled after the Singapore Index); including options on how to protect and enhance citywide biodiversity and mitigate negative impacts;
 - 2) Policies/projects to enhance biodiversity should consider the following priorities/strategies, among others:
 - where communities currently lack access to natural areas and open space;
 - where linkages between habitats can be restored, created or strengthened; and
 - where biodiversity provides a particular benefit to larger ecosystem functions and services;
 - 3) Options for community engagement and outreach strategies, with an emphasis on outreach to communities which currently lack access to natural areas and open space.

PRESENTED BY: 
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