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VIA EMAIL**

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Re: Council File 15-0499 (Protecting Biodiversity)

At its June, 2015 meeting, the Mar Vista Community Council unanimously passed the following policy motion:

MVCC supports the motion presented by Councilmember Paul Koretz which:

- Directs the Chief Legislative Analyst's office, in partnership with the Mayor's Sustainability Team, to convene a working group with relevant City departments to report back on their current and future strategies and matrices for protecting biodiversity in all City practices;
- Mandates the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to report back with recommendations for strategies to protect and improve biodiversity in the City and on the feasibility of implementing the City Biodiversity Index;
- Directs the TAC to develop and implement best practice strategies for community engagement and outreach on biodiversity including implementation of equity-minded citizen science projects that serve the full range of City neighborhoods.

The City of Los Angeles is recognized as one of 35 global biodiversity hot spots—and the only one within the continental United States. The Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the importance of protecting this biodiversity and the educational, scientific and quality of life benefits that derive from access to natural landscapes that support local biodiversity.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bill Koontz, Chair
Mar Vista Community Council

