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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/28/2018

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

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Council File Number: 03-1459-S3

Agenda Date:

Item Number: Amendments to Protected Tree Ordinance (177404)

Summary: At the Mar. 28, 2018, meeting of the Board of Directors for the West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council, the Board voted 7-0-1, to improve the protection of existing trees in conjunction with the City Council's motion to strengthen the Protected Tree Ordinance (177404) and authorize the Chair to submit Community Impact Statements for CF 03-1459-S3. Facts and background: 1. Two westside councilors proposed the motion - CD 5 (Koretz) and CD11 (Bonin), which calls for the Urban Forestry Division to study the issue and propose recommendations. 2. The Council has voted to improve protection of wildlife areas, urban forest and biodiversity (CF

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*Re: Amendments to Protected Tree Ordinance (177404), CF #03-1459-S3*

To the City of Los Angeles,

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**Facts and background:**

1. Two westside councilors proposed the motion - CD 5 (Koretz) and CD11 (Bonin), which calls for the Urban Forestry Division to study the issue and propose recommendations.
2. The Council has voted to improve protection of wildlife areas, urban forest and biodiversity (CF #15-0499) and prevent habitat fragmentation (CF #14-0518).
3. The Council approved the Protected Tree Ordinance, which aims to preserve four significant native trees: All native oaks (except Scrub Oak), Black Walnut, Western Sycamore, and California Bay.

**Findings and justifications:**

1. 30-55% of the city's tree canopy was lost in the last 10 years, primarily because of new large buildings that replace green space and these new buildings provide little dirt area for new, large replacement trees (2017 USC study).
2. Trees provide numerous benefits - absorb carbon dioxide to reduce climate change (reduces heat and air conditioning costs), retain water (prevents landslides), provide habitat for animals/birds, and add greenery and shade to neighborhoods (increases property values and improves mental health).

**To government agencies:** Only the Chair and designated Boardmembers may testify to public agencies on behalf of the West L.A. Sawtelle NC. The Board requests that the Council Office and private/non-profit entities do not testify or speculate on behalf of the NC.

*/s/ Jamie L. Keeton*

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