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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/07/2019

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 10/14/2019

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 13-1339

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Greater Valley Glen Council withdraws its support of CF 13-1339 to add the toyon and Mexican elderberry to the protected tree ordinance because as currently proposed, it allows these smaller stature trees to be planted to replace larger stature trees such as the coast live oak and Western sycamore, this at the sole discretion of the Urban Forestry Chief. The Protected Tree Ordinance, which this motion would amend, is problematic in itself because it has led to the practice of valuable native trees being removed on properties where building plans that include retaining walls and other amenities do not allow sufficient space to properly plant the four new trees required to be planted on site to replace each removed tree. These replacement saplings are almost always too overcrowded to survive. When this ordinance is applied, the property owner bypasses a CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) review and pays a small fee to remove trees – the result is no tree protection at a time when the City depends on these trees as the infrastructure that cleans the air, mitigates heat island effect and provide the staging area for biodiversity.