

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending provisions of Sections 12.21, 17.02, 17.05, 17.06, 46.01 and 46.02 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to modify provisions pertaining to Protected Tree, to include the Mexican Elderberry and Toyon and update regulations.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance based on the Department of City Planning proposed Ordinance dated May 3, 2019, attached to the Council File, with the revisions recommended in the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) report dated October 14, 2020 with two exceptions:
  - a. Recommend the measurement at which these trees are protected be at four inches cumulative.
  - b. Strike the word 'designee' and replace it with 'licensed or certified arborist' on page three of said department report or within the Ordinance under 17.05.R.4.a and 46.02.c.1, attached to the Council file; and, include that when replacement concerns more than two of the protected trees, the permit in question will have a full public hearing at the Board of Public Works as quickly as possible.
2. Instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and BSS to report with a staffing plan for the administration of the additional work generated by the addition of the Mexican Elderberry and Toyon to the Protected Tree Ordinance, including the BSS recommendation of a minimum staffing level increase of two Tree Surgeon Supervisors and one Management Analyst to manage the Protected Tree Removal Program.
3. Instruct the CAO and BSS to report with an updated fee structure in order to fully recover the City's costs for the protection and replacement of protected trees and shrubs.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the BSS. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analyst of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For:

Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council  
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council

For if amended:

Encino Neighborhood Council  
Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council  
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Against:

Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council  
Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

**(Planning and Land Use Management Committee waived consideration of the above matter)**

**SUMMARY:**

At a regular meeting held on December 2, 2020 the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee telephonically considered joint Office of Forest Management and Bureau of Street Services, and Los Angeles City Planning Commission reports and proposed Ordinance relative to amending provisions of Sections 12.21, 17.02, 17.05, 17.06, 46.01 and 46.02 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to modify provisions pertaining to Protected Tree, to include the Mexican Elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*) and Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) and update regulations. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved as amended the recommendations in the joint report as verbally amended by the Chair, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE**

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RYU:	YES
DE LEON:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
LEE:	YES

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