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Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Attn: Leyla Campos, Legislative Assistant

RE: TRANSMITTAL FOR COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-1339

On December 2, 2020, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee 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 Chair offered verbal amendments to the recommendations in the joint report, and the Committee voted to approve as amended the joint report recommendations, as detailed below:

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.

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<u>PWGR MEMBERS</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
RYU	YES
DE LEON	YES
O'FARELL	YES
LEE	YES