

## **Communication from Public**

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Chair Blumenfield  
Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(via email and CF upload)

**Re: CF 13-1339 - Amended Protected Tree Ordinance**

Dear Chair Blumenfield:

Oaks Homeowners Association has previously submitted comments of support for this Council File. We are disappointed and concerned that the item has not yet been scheduled for approval.

There is little argument that toyon and Mexican elderberry are two of the most valuable native species of our open space lands. By delaying the amendment to list these species to the Protected Tree Ordinance, the City becomes responsible for exacerbating their destruction in our residential hillsides.

There is little doubt that unprincipled developers are taking advantage of the window of opportunity afforded them by the delay of the ordinance to cut down toyon and elderberry. They know that by hurrying this eradication they can avoid future paperwork or mitigation requirements.

We urge you to act on this item now. There is plenty of support. It only needs to be put on the next agenda.

Thank you,

Holly Purcell

President