

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Chair Blumenfield: On behalf of the Laurel Canyon Association, we urge the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee to hold a hearing on the proposed ordinance that would add Toyon and Mexican Elderberry to the list of protected trees/shrubs. The proposed ordinance has languished for too long - urgent action is required. Here in Laurel Canyon developers are cutting down mature Mexican Elderberries and removing Toyon in the Santa Monica Mountains without any mitigation whatsoever. This is really a travesty as these trees/shrubs provide value ecosystem services to our native wildlife and sequester carbon for all of humanity's sake. We implore the City and your committee to move forward and get this ordinance passed. I understand that the City is considering other regulations pertaining to trees right now but that is no excuse for not moving this ordinance forward. We are so close to the finish line. Let's get this done. Regards, Jamie T. Hall President Laurel Canyon Association