

Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) supports the change to the City's Protected Tree Ordinance that adds a new section which includes Protected Shrubs. The two shrubs added to new section of the Ordinance are the Mexican Elderberry (*Sambucus Mexicana*) and the Toyon (*Heteromeles Arbutifolia*). See CPC-2016-4520-CA; CPC-2016-4521-CE.

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In addition, EPNC recommends that the replacement trees and shrubs be required to be in-kind unless not possible.

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

P.O. BOX 26557, L.A. CA 90026



Community Impact Statement (CIS)

Council File Number: 13-1339

Amendment to Protected Tree Ordinance

April 24, 2018



**CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

APRIL 16, 2002

To: Honorable City Council, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, room 395, Los Angeles, CA 90012 c/o Office of the City Clerk.

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) is requesting that the aforesaid CIS be attached to Council File No. 13-1339.

On April 24, 2018, with a quorum of 18, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act-noticed meeting and with a vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the EPNC voted to submit this CIS in support of the proposed amendment to the Protected Tree Ordinance with amendments.

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Respectfully,

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Chair, Echo Park Neighborhood Council