

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: December 4, 2022 Council File 20-1265-S1. The South LA Tree (SLAT) Coalition is encouraged by the inclusion of amendments to the South Los Angeles Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) including the update requiring an initial site assessment to evaluate and document the presence of existing trees prior to a project application being deemed complete. This provision will allow for the timely and accurate disclosure of all trees located within the project site, including significant and protected trees, which we hope will enable City staff and developers to minimize impacts to trees in this tree-poor segment of the City (as documented in council file 15-0499-S2). As such, the CPIO will maintain alignment with other City goals to effectively plan for the retention and growth of the urban forest by addressing project-level decisions regarding trees which ultimately contribute to cumulative impacts on the City's urban forest and its tree canopy. It is the hope of the SLAT Coalition that this provision remains as a standard element in subsequent CPIO area and subarea amendments to maximize tree-related benefits and safeguards for our communities. Thank you, The South LA Tree Coalition southlatrees@gmail.com P.O. Box 19068 Los Angeles, CA 90019 About SLAT The South LA Tree (SLAT) Coalition is a grassroots community group that developed in 2021 in response to the removal of a grove of Protected Sycamore trees in South LA as a result of a development project. Since then, the SLAT Coalition has worked to prioritize the preservation, protection and growth of the urban forest and its tree canopy in South LA – a designated tree-poor region of the City. The SLAT Coalition works to grow local awareness and interest in trees as part of larger efforts to strengthen environmental justice, climate resiliency, biodiversity, and community wellness.