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Impact Information Date: 06/14/2015 Update to a Previous Input: No Directed To: City Council and Committees Council File Number: 15-0499 Agenda Date: Item Number:

Brief Summary: The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council submits the following Community Impact Statement in favor of establishing a working group to focus on protecting biodiversity in the City of Los Angeles.

Additional Information: A functioning natural system is important to protect our communities from air and water pollution, and to prevent natural disasters, such as wildfires, mudslides, and local flooding. We are strongly in favor of the creation of a working group to focus on protecting biodiversity.



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Council File 15-0499 Honorable City Council c/o Office of the City Clerk Los Angeles City Hall 200 North Spring Street, Room 395 Los Angeles, CA. 90012

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on June 11th 2015; the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council has adopted the following motion by a vote of 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention, and has directed that this Community Impact Statement be filed with the City Clerk's office reflecting its position.

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council supports Councilmember Koretz's biodiversity motion (CF 15-0499). The growth of our urban areas has dramatically impacted the viability of the biodiversity surrounding and within our city. A functioning natural system is important to protect our communities from air and water pollution, and to prevent natural disasters, such as wildfires, mudslides, and local flooding. Additionally, by protecting our local wildlands and monitoring biodiversity, we preserve the great recreation areas that many Angelinos enjoy and rely upon as a respite from our urban megalopolis. We are strongly in favor of the creation of a working group to focus on protecting biodiversity.

Motion by Torin Dunnavant: "I move that the AVNC approve a Community Impact Statement<u>in favor of</u> Council File 15-0499 which establishes a working group to focus on protecting biodiversity in the City of Los Angeles." Seconded by: Courtney Morris