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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/19/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 05/12/2023

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Council File Number: 03-1459-S3

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council file: 03-1459-S3 to strengthen the City's Protected Tree Ordinance No.177404, as detailed in the Motion introduced by Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Mike Bonin on November 22, 2017. Since 2017 it has been demonstrated that Protected trees are too easily removed under the "protected tree ordinance" leading to significant losses in canopy coverage and native habitat throughout Los Angeles. By way of example - there were 175 known Southern California Black Walnut Trees removed between 2017-2020 in the City of Los Angeles (based on Tree Removal Notices submitted to the BPW). Black Walnut trees are classified as near threatened and are legally protected by Federal Programs. Over 78% of all protected trees that are removed are based on development. Of those 175 Southern California Black Walnut Trees removed only 59 black walnuts were proposed to replace them. This is significantly less than what is currently required under the current "Protected Tree Ordinance." Southern California Black Walnut Trees are a keystone species (defined as a species that supports other species in a woodland habitat) therefore removing a Southern California Black Walnut negatively impacts other species' ability to survive. The City of Los Angeles has allowed this threatened species to be removed once every 7.2 days. This is not responsible management and stewardship and the City needs to do better. We request urgent action on this long overdue report back.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Mandell', written in a cursive style.

Scott Mandell, President  
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