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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Northridge East Neighborhood Council unanimously voted its support of the proposed designation of the California native Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) as the official tree of the City of Los Angeles. The Coast Live Oak is a native tree that has been growing throughout the Los Angeles region for thousands of years before the City's founding in 1781, almost 242 years ago. Some specimens may attain an age exceeding 250 years, according to the California Native Plant Society. The Coast Live Oak is a beautiful evergreen oak providing maximum aesthetic and environmental benefits. The outer layers of leaves are designed for maximum solar absorption, containing two to three layers of photosynthetic cells. These trees also attract a variety of birds and butterflies. Once established, oak trees are especially drought tolerant and fire resistant. Normally the Coast Live Oak tree is found on well drained soils of coastal hills and plains, usually near year-round or perennial streams. It's also often found in rocky hillsides that capture and hold more moisture. While normally found within 60 miles of the Pacific Ocean at elevations less than 2,300 feet, in southern California the Coast Live Oak occasionally occurs at up to 4,900 feet in altitude, so this includes the entire area of the City of Los Angeles.