

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly endorse designating the Coast Live Oak as the City's official tree. No better way can be found to show commitment by Los Angeles to biodiversity and environmental progress And I urge, wherever practical throughout the City, that the Coast Live Oak be planted to encourage the expansion of native birds, insects and mammals as well as shading our streets and reducing the heat island effect. The Coast Live Oak should be the tree of choice when replacing other species. Furthermore, the City should dictate that developers who have removed existing trees, with or without permission, must replace them with native species including the Coast Live Oak but also other natives if they would be more suitable for designated locations, and that these replacement trees be mature specimens and maintenance until they are established be mandatory. Where trees have been cut down illegally, the developer involved should be required to provide six (6) mature native specimens for every tree removed plus maintenance in addition to far more significant fines so developers don't blow them off as simply a cost of doing business. Sincerely Liz Amsden Highland Park

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Name: Celeste Wolfe

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the City Council Public Works Committee in conjunction with BSS (Streets LA) and with the assistance of the Cultural Heritage Commission in designating the coast live oak as the official tree of the City of Los Angeles.