

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I second Liz Amsden's suggestions with designating the Coast Live Oak as the City's official tree, as a cultural and political show of commitment by Los Angeles to pour region's unique biodiversity and LA Planning's designs supporting environmental progress. I also urge, wherever practical throughout the City, that the Coast Live Oak be planted in parks and medians of a ten feet or greater 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. I very much advocate that the City should dictate that developers who have removed existing trees, with or without permission, must replace them with native tree species (a list of which can be found at the Century Glen HOA website -- www.centuryglen.org under the subsection window of "Drought Conservation & Sustainability Page." Native trees including the Coast Live Oak could be suited for designated locations, as mature replacement trees with mandatory maintenance until they are established. 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 off decimating our ecological cultural biodiversity as simply a cost of doing business.