

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: December 15, 2025 Re: Support for Option 4 (plants) and Option 2 (trees) for Los Angeles' Zone 0 regulations Dear Los Angeles City Council President and Councilmembers, Thank you for your diligence in shaping wise, pragmatic defensible space regulations for Angelenos. We appreciate your efforts to protect residents and property while thoughtfully considering the role of our urban landscapes. The Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants (TPF) respectfully urges the City to support motion CF25-1428, which introduces language into Option 4 for vegetation and Option 2 for trees that allows for the continued presence of well-managed plants and trees in Zone 0. TPF is a Los Angeles-based nonprofit located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, and we experience wildfire risk firsthand. Through our public education work, we teach homeowners throughout Southern California established best practices for defensible space and wildfire resilience, consistently emphasizing home hardening as the most effective first line of defense. By translating existing scientific research and professional guidance for the public, we understand that properly selected, placed, and maintained living plants do not behave like dry, ignitable fuels. In fact, well-managed vegetation can help slow ember movement while conserving water and supporting urban biodiversity. Option 4 for vegetation reflects this evidence-based approach by allowing vegetation that is appropriately managed by responsible pruning and irrigation methods. Option 2 for trees avoids unnecessary ecological harm and aligns with existing local ordinances, protected tree regulations, and qualified arborist oversight. We urge the City to adopt these options, enabling local agencies to address site-specific conditions while keeping residents safe. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Amy Greenwood, Ph.D. Executive Director Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants



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