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City Planning Commission
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Rm. 361
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March 21, 2018

Re: Support for Protected Tree Ordinance Amendment
CPC-2016-4520-CA (March 22, 2018 agenda item 11)

Dear President Ambroz and Honorable Commissioners:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 42 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. At its meeting of January 3, 2018, the Hillside Federation voted to support amendment of the City's Protected Tree and Shrub Ordinance to include the Mexican Elderberry and Toyon and update protection regulations.

The Hillside Federation respectfully requests your consideration of the following further revisions to the proposed ordinance:

- 1) Enhance code enforcement provisions to provide for expanded options to address violations, including an Urban Forest Task Force or other formal body to oversee ordinance enforcement;
- 2) Create an Urban Forest Working Group to work with appropriate City Departments to incentivize protected tree and shrub preservation (Hillside Federation requests representation in such a working group);
- 3) Require analysis of reasonable project design alternatives where proposed projects necessitate removal of protected trees or shrubs;
- 4) Consider whether additional tree or shrub species are appropriate for protection under the ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims
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