



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Correspondence Received

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
17.		Favor	Amy Greenwood	Please see attached letter.
			Ann Dorsey	
			Elise Kalfayan	The Glendale Environmental Coalition supports efforts to preserve our region's biodiversity. California is taking a leadership role in advancing global biodiversity goals, as the only subnational government that is an independent party to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. Los Angeles County is itself a globally recognized biodiversity hotspot. We applaud this motion as a step toward preserving this status and continuing to prioritize environmental sustainability and biodiversity.
			Jade Nguyen	As a resident of LA County, I support this commitment to steward biodiversity in our region.
			Jade Nguyen	
			Rosalind Helfand	By expanding its leadership on biodiversity supportive management practices and participating with the UN Convention on Biological Diversity and the California Global Biodiversity Alliance, Los Angeles County will enable more sustainable practices that will benefit the health of Angelenos and help to mitigate climate change impacts. Furthermore, this motion will open up important new learning and partnership opportunities for the county.
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November 13, 2025

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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**Re: Support for Motion – Advancing Los Angeles County’s Local and Global Leadership
on Biodiversity**

Dear Chair Horvath and Honorable Supervisors,

On behalf of the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants (TPF), I am pleased to express strong support for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath’s motion to advance Los Angeles County’s leadership in biodiversity, climate resilience, and sustainable land stewardship.

For more than six decades, TPF has worked to inspire, educate, and empower people to cultivate California native plants and restore the region’s natural heritage. Native plants are the foundation of healthy ecosystems; they support pollinators and wildlife, build ecological resilience, and connect communities to the landscapes that define Los Angeles.

The proposed motion is a critical step toward expanding functional habitat across the County. By establishing requirements and guidelines for the use of California native plants at new and existing County facilities, the Board will ensure that publicly owned landscapes contribute meaningfully to regional biodiversity. These plantings, supported by clear, biodiversity-focused management practices, create stable, climate-adapted habitat that benefits wildlife and people alike. They also deliver community-level benefits such as cooler public spaces, lower pesticide application, and reduced water use.

We strongly support the development of biodiversity-supportive management guidelines, which are essential for maintaining habitat value over time. Native landscapes thrive when they are stewarded with an understanding of local ecology, and these guidelines will help ensure that County landscapes remain resilient and functional well into the future. Such guidelines would be a welcome addition to the educational curriculum that we at TPF provide to both professional landscapers and non-professional gardeners in the form of certification programs and classes.



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We further support the County's intention to join the California Global Biodiversity Alliance and become an official observer to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. These steps strengthen the County's position as a leader in addressing the biodiversity crisis and reinforce a long-term commitment to ecological health.

TPF stands ready to assist with training, guidance, and community engagement as the County implements this important work. Thank you for advancing a policy that will meaningfully increase biodiversity, expand functional habitat, and support a more resilient future for Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

Amy Greenwood, Ph.D.

Executive Director

Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants



November 17, 2025

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
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Re: Support for Motion Advancing Los Angeles County's Local and Global Leadership on Biodiversity

Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Nature for All, I am writing to express support for the motion introduced by Supervisors Lindsey P. Horvath and Hilda L. Solis to Advance Los Angeles County's Local and Global Leadership on Biodiversity. This comprehensive and forward-looking motion recognizes both the extraordinary biodiversity of Los Angeles County and the urgent need to protect, restore, and enhance the natural systems that sustain our communities.

Nature for All is an environmental and social justice organization that fosters connections between community members and nature, particularly in high need and underserved regions in Los Angeles. We work to provide equitable access to nature while we protect and connect our most vulnerable communities to local public lands and work to advance policies that will further protect our mountains, rivers and open spaces. Protecting urban biodiversity, especially in a region that simultaneously is a biodiversity hotspot with such a high degree of species richness *and* is home to over 9.7 million human residents, is of the utmost importance—not only for the ecological benefits and beauty that nature provides, but also for the mental, emotional, and physical health of our communities.

We support this motion for the increased use of native plants, inclusion of Indigenous perspectives and recommendations, integration of current plans and frameworks, and potential net positives for our communities. The proposed strengthened global engagement through Los Angeles County's application to become an official observer to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and application for Los Angeles County to join the California Global Biodiversity Alliance further signifies Los Angeles County's commitment to the biodiversity and health of our region. The increased usage of and training of staff to care for landscaping using native plants proposed in this motion will help conserve water, support pollinators and wildlife, reduce heat island effects, and reflect the cultural and ecological heritage of this region. In addition, the inclusion of thoughtful collaboration with local Tribal Governments and Indigenous knowledge holders recognizes the importance of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) in shaping resilient, place-based land and water management. Through integrating biodiversity into the County's policies,

planning, and operations, the Board of Supervisors will also help expand access to healthier, cooler, greener public spaces; strengthen resilience to climate impacts and support regional ecological connectivity.

For the above reasons and more, we strongly urge the Board to adopt the motion: Advancing Los Angeles County's Local and Global Leadership on Biodiversity at the November 18, 2025 meeting. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to biodiversity in Los Angeles County. Please feel free to contact me at belen@lanatureforall.org if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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