

**PPCC Motion OPPOSING the L.A. City Council “Trees for Biodiversity” motion
(more appropriately known as the “100% Natives” motion),
Los Angeles City Council Motion in CF 22-1469**

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) opposes the motion in L.A. City Council File 22-1469, on the grounds set forth in the accompanying Position Paper, summarized as follows:

1. The proposed motion will result in less biodiversity, more monoculture. A mandate prohibiting the planting and sale of any nonnative species in all of the City of Los Angeles (urban, suburban, commercial, governmental, and residential properties) is far too radical and damaging.
2. It risks the health of the urban forest by the concentration of too few tree species. There are not enough native tree species to sustain our urban forest.
3. Some natives do not adapt well in city environments. Yet cities are not devoid of diverse species, and can even benefit regional ecosystems.
4. We encourage the planting of more native species. And we support conserving our wild open spaces and creating more parks. However, biodiversity includes all trees and plants, not just natives.
5. Restrict invasives, not climate appropriate trees and plants.

See Position Paper at: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/position-paper-PFC-RP-9-11-23.pdf>

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