

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An Ordinance amending provisions of Chapter I Article 7 and Chapter IV Article 6 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to expand the definition of “Protected Tree” to include the Mexican Elderberry (*Sambucus Mexicana*) and Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 17.02 of Article 7 or Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by adding language specifying two additional shrubs to the definition of Protected Trees and shall read as follows:

**Protected Tree** – Any of the following Southern California native tree [or shrub](#) species, which measure four inches or more in cumulative diameter, four and one-half feet above the ground level at the base of the tree [or shrub](#):

- (a) Oak tree including Valley Oak (*Quercus lobate*) and California Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), or any other tree of the oak genus indigenous to California but excluding the Scrub Oak (*Quercus dumosa*).
- (b) Southern California Black Walnut (*Juglans California var. californica*)
- (c) Western Sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*)
- (d) California Bay (*Umeellularia californica*)
- (e) [Mexican Elderberry \(\*Sambucus Mexicana\*\)](#)
- (f) [Toyon \(\*Heteromeles arbutifolia\*\)](#)

The definition shall not include any tree grown or held for sale by a licensed nursery, or trees planted or grown as part of a tree planting program.

Section 2. Section 46.01 of Article 6 of Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by adding two shrubs to the list of Protected Trees and to the amend the definition of Protected Tree to read:

**Sec. 46.01. DEFINITION.**

“**PROTECTED TREE**” means any of the following Southern California native tree [or shrub](#) species, which measure four inches or more in cumulative diameter, four and one-half feet above the ground level at the base of the tree [or shrub](#):

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