PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

To: From: Palms Neighborhood Council
Subject: California Native Landscaping and Planting
Date: June 1, 2022

Whereas Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species, and Whereas native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment while providing all the benefits non-nativetrees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while providing the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution.

Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to discontinue the practice of planting non-native landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County and City, and specifically within the stakeholder boundaries of the PalmsNeighborhood Council.

On behalf of the Palms Neighborhood Council

Sincerely,

Randell Erving, Jr.
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