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Dear Councilmembers:

At its regular monthly meeting, held January 8, 2013, the Mar Vista Community Council unanimously approved the following policy motion:

*Expo Phase Two landscaping: Whereas California native plants and trees require on average far less water than non-natives (saving both water and the energy to move and treat that water), can reduce green waste, and, unlike "drought tolerant" non-native exotics, require no soil amendments, provide crucial wildlife habitat, and create a sense of geographical identity; And Whereas a preponderance of stakeholders surrounding the stations for Phase Two of the Expo Line have expressed a preference for California native landscaping on the right-of-way and adjacent to stations; And Whereas the Mar Vista Community Council passed a policy motion sending a letter on November 30th 2011 to the Exposition Construction Authority endorsing and requesting that indigenous plantings be utilized by the Los Angeles MTA for all landscaping for phase two of the Exposition Line light rail project. Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council requests that any public or private streetscape design, redevelopment plan, or other land use funded or incentivized by the Transit Neighborhood Plan being developed by the City of Los Angeles also stipulate and require the exclusive use of California native plants and trees*

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter,

Sincerely,

Sharon Commins, Chair  
Mar Vista Community Council



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