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Ms. Emma Howard
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Via Email: ehoward@planning.lacounty.gov

**Re: Comments to the December 20, 2012 SEA Ordinance Summary Draft
Opposition to Expansion of Trees and Invasives List**

Dear Emma,

We at L.A. Group Design Works Inc. are concerned about the expansion of the tree and landscaping species list which will not be allowed once the above referenced ordinance is adopted. As landscape architects, we pride ourselves on the knowledge we have gained during our years of experience designing communities with appropriate 'California Friendly' plant species. Our approach has always been to operate as a team working with municipalities and consultants to develop the most appropriate yet diversified plant palette for each given project; no two projects are alike.

Reduction of our already limited list will make it difficult to properly plant materials that will flourish in the county. We ask that you maintain the current list of species so that we will continue to have choices when asked to enhance the landscaping as the Planners of the County typically require. Materials should be selected on a case-by-case basis and evaluated utilizing all the science available including soil conditions, geography, native species and landscape specialists to determine what will work best in a given area.

Sincerely,



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