April 7, 2017

Hon. Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1530: Support from Mayor of Los Angeles

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher,

I write in support of Assembly Bill 1530, which provides critical amendments to the Urban Forestry Act of 1978 (UFA).

The benefits of urban forestry, including improved air quality, cooling, carbon sequestration, and stormwater management are critical to the sustainability and resiliency of Los Angeles. The UFA revisions outlined in AB 1530 will promote policies and incentives for tree management and planting practices that are essential in order to optimize these benefits.

Furthermore, the updated language for disadvantaged communities will ensure we protect our residents who are most vulnerable to climate change and associated health impacts.

For these reasons I support AB 1530. Thank you for sponsoring this legislation. This letter reflects the support solely of its author.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor