

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Supports the city's motion to protect and restore biodiversity in Los Angeles.

Humanity cannot divorce itself from other species. All life on earth is connected; we are especially dependent on plants which provide us with food, oxygen and carbon sequestration. San Pedro and the rest of the Palos Verdes Peninsula once had a thriving and unique ecological landscape. Parts of San Pedro are still home to species such as the Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly, California Gnat Catcher and the Coastal Cactus Wren.

Unfortunately the 19th, 20th and 21st century commercial activities have significantly impacted Central San Pedro's biodiversity. The stands of oaks that were once here were used for firewood to process whale fat and our wetlands were destroyed and replaced by the Port of Los Angeles.

With the serious effects of global and local climate change, it is truly imperative that we protect and restore our biodiversity. We must reintroduce native plants wherever possible; they are most appropriate for California's climate and they provide communities with a great sense of character.

The council looks forward to working with the departments and our stakeholders to integrate native flora and fauna in city and community projects whenever possible.