



January 27, 2014

Mayor Edwin Lee
City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Opposition to the designation of 3.2 acres of private land as “critical habitat” for Franciscan Manzanita

Dear Mr. Mayor Edwin Lee,

During the Fall of 2013, the West of Twin Peaks Central Council (WTPCC) was notified by our member organization, the Miraloma Park Improvement Club (MPIC) that the SF Rec & Parks Department had recommended that 3.2 acres of private land owned by residents of Miraloma Park be designated as critical habitat for Franciscan Manzanita.

The WTPCC strongly opposes this designation, and asks that you direct the Planning Commission, Planning Department and SF Recreation and Parks Departments to rescind this recommendation immediately.

- Franciscan Manzanita does not currently grow on this land.
- No notice was made to the neighbors affected.
- This designation amounts to a public “taking” of private property without due process.

The Rec & Parks Department provided poor documentation, imprecise maps and a lack of public notice during this process, and has failed to demonstrate how transplanting Franciscan Manzanita onto private property is necessary to preserve the species when it is not found there already.

Sincerely,

Matt Chamberlain

President, West of Twin Peaks Central Council