



ATHENS ON THE HILL COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 611243
Los Angeles, California 90061

Block Club Affiliates

121st St.; 123rd St.; 124th St.; 125th St.; 126th St.; 127th St.; Ainsworth St.; Arbor Pl.;
Athens Blvd.; Denver Blvd.; Hoover Blvd.; Laconia Blvd.; Menlo St.

September 21, 2009

City of Los Angeles
Public Works Committee
200 North Spring Street - Room 1010
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Council File No. 05-1853
Ordinance to Amend Subsection (e) of Section 62.104
{Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC)}
Hearing Date: {pending}

TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The community of Athens on the Hill is an old-established community which was developed circa 1910. The demographics of this community are that approximately 75% of its residents are senior citizens. The Athens on the Hill Community Association **OPPOSE** the Ordinance to Amend Subsection (e) of Section 62.104 of the LAMC which shifts **liability and responsibility** to property owners for repair of curbs, driveways and sidewalks due to tree root damage. This shift is a precursor of an environmental air quality disaster for the entire City of Los Angeles as property owners are likely to remove trees and not replace them.

We are quite aware of the budget crisis. However, through neither fault nor complicity of property owners, the City of Los Angeles is attempting to shift burden, responsibility and liability onto this Stakeholder group. The Amendment to Subsection (e) of Section 62.104 of the LAMC, **as written**, is unconscionable and punitive and should be re-drafted or "killed" in Committee.

Reasons for opposition:

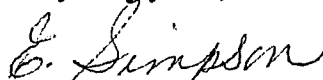
- Some of the trees in this community are approximately 100 years old;
- Numerous sidewalks, curbs, and, driveways are severely damaged due to tree roots;
- A majority of the trees were planted by the City of Los Angeles, itself;
- Residents have in years past phoned/reported damage caused by tree roots to sidewalks, etc., and requested repairs; **and**,
- Complainants, more often than not, were then informed of a "rotation cycle" they are on and given some distant, future date for repairs.

Explore alternate solutions not limited to the following:

- Appointment of a "Task Force" consisting of representatives from affected groups {stakeholders; neighborhood councils; associations; and, property owners}, with a mandate to come up with a solution that is not onerous and punitive to the citizenry;
- Point of Sale, as envisioned in the Motion of 9/6/05 {Parks/Smith}, is not taken off the table as one of the options under consideration for debate.

We request that your recommendation to full City Council is a "No Vote.

Very truly yours,



E. SIMPSON, President
Athens on the Hill Community
Association

ES:lw

cc: Committee Members: Huizar; Alarcon; Smith
Councilwoman J. Hahn - 15th District
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Very truly yours,

Dorothy Pulliam Dorothy Pulliam Name----(sign & print)
809 Laconia Blvd #1 (Address)
LA Ca 90044 (city and zip code)

Date: 9/16/2009

cc: Committee Members: Huizar; Alarcon; Smith
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Addie Johnson Addie Johnson Name----(sign & print)
710 LACONIA Blvd (Address)
Los Angeles, CA 90044 (city and zip code)
Date: 9/16/09

cc: Committee Members: Huizar; Alarcon; Smith
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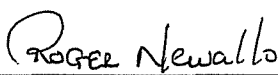
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812 W. Athens Blvd.
Los Angeles CA 90044

Name----(sign & print)
(Address)
(city and zip code)
Date: 9/16/09

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Veré Davis → VERÉ DAVIS Name----(sign & print)
812 W. Athens Blvd (Address)
LA, CA 90014 (city and zip code)

Date: September 19, 2009

cc: Committee Members: Huizar; Alarcon; Smith
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Dewitt Hooks Name----(sign & print)
665 Leona Blvd (Address)
Los Angeles, CA 90044 (city and zip code)
Date: 9-16-09

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Shirley Gueno Shirley Gueno Name---(sign & print)
652 W. 121st St. (Address)
Los Angeles 90044 (city and zip code)
Date: 09/16/09

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Ira Lee Wilson - Ira Lee Wilson Name----(sign & print)
828 West 126 St. (Address)
Los Angeles, Calif. 90044 (city and zip code)
Date: 9-16-09

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Elayne Simpson / ELAYNE SIMPSON Name----(sign & print)
528 W. 12th Street (Address)
Los Angeles, CA 90014 (city and zip code)
Date: 09-15-2009

cc: Committee Members: Huizar; Alarcon; Smith
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Sandra Lee

Sandy Lee Name----(sign & print)
657 Huconia Blvd (Address)
Los Angeles 90044 (city and zip code)
Date: 9/16/08

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Alece Jones Alece Jones Name----(sign & print)
12316 S. Hoveler St. (Address)
Los Angeles 90044 (city and zip code)

Date: Sept 16, 2009

cc: Committee Members: Huizar; Alarcon; Smith

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Maria Elena Badillo Name----(sign & print)
12406 S. Hoover St (Address)
L.A. CA. 90094 (city and zip code)
Date: 9-16-09

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MANUEL BODILLO Name----(sign & print)
12406-S-HOOVER-ST (Address)
LA - CA - 90044 (city and zip code)
Date: 9/16/09

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Elmer Vollnagle (Elmer Vollnagle) Name----(sign & print)
665 W. Athens Blvd (Address)
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Lu Watson [Signature] Name----(sign & print)
12603 AINSWORTH ST (Address)
L.A. CA. 90044 (city and zip code)

Date: SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

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and,
- The residents of this community are approximately 65%-85% "seniors."

I request that your recommendation to full City Council is a "No Vote" on the Amendment.

Very truly yours,

 GREGORY THOMAS Name—(sign & print)
1630 W. 121st St. (Address)
Los Angeles 90044 (city and zip code)
Date: 9-19-09

cc: Committee Members: Huizar; Alarcon; Smith
Councilwoman J. Hahn - 15th District
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

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RICHARD WILLIAMS  Name----(sign & print)
614 W. 12th Street (Address)
LA, CA 90044 (city and zip code)
Date: 9/19/2009

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Ruby Williams Ruby Williams Name----(sign & print)
614 W. 121st STREET (Address)
Compton CA 90044 (city and zip code)
Date: 7-19-05

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Phil Thomas GAIL THOMAS Name----(sign & print)
653 W. 121st St. (Address)
Los Angeles CA 90048 (city and zip code)
Date: 9/19/09

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Mary F. Moore Name---(sign & print)
638 W. 121st STREET (Address)
Los Angeles, CA 90044 (city and zip code)
Date: 9-19-09

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Tammie O'Leary - TAMMIE O'Leary (sign & print)
663 W 121 ST (Address)
LA, CA, 90044 (city and zip code)
Date: 9-19-09

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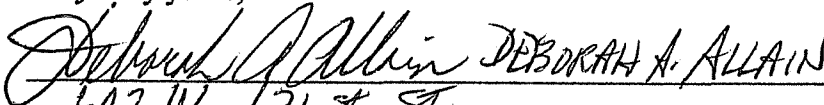
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 DEBORAH A. ALLAIN Name----(sign & print)
602 W. 121st St. (Address)
L.A. CA 90044 (city and zip code)
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