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Brief Summary: The ERNC requests that the following motions, which were adopted by the City Council, be acted upon immediately: CF 091664, Enforcement of Ordinances Protecting Urban Forest / Amendment; CF 092605, Illegal Tree Pruning and Removal; CF 14-0019 Street Tree Guidelines and Policies

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**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT
CF# 09-1664, 09-2605, 14-0019**

August 14, 2015

We declare that on August 4, 2015, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present, and the following motion was passed unanimously:

The City of Los Angeles has an underfunded and understaffed Urban Forestry department, and an urban forest plan that is outdated and disorganized when compared to the comprehensive, intelligent, and responsive tree-planting and maintenance practices of other large U.S. cities, as well as neighboring cities like Pasadena. As the second-largest city in the United States, in the middle of a drought crisis, we need the shade, oxygen, and quality of life benefits of a world-class urban forest now more than ever.

Our urban forest can be better preserved in 2 ways: Increasing the penalties for destruction and removal of city street trees, and better oversight and standards for city-approved contractors and residents / business owners who obtain permits for private companies to trim city trees. Neither of these are new ideas; both have been brought to the City Council before, but so far the Council has not acted.

Background: In 2009, the City Council adopted a motion (09-1664) to study increased penalties for the destruction of our city's urban forest, which resulted in a proposed ordinance from the City Attorney. But its recommendations were never carried out. Subsequently, Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Tom LaBonge made a similar motion (09-2605), perhaps not realizing there was already a passed motion on the books; so in 2010, Councilmember José Huizar moved to table the LaBonge motion, and enforce Rosendahl's 2009 motion within 60 days. But that recommendation was never carried out, either.

Therefore, the ERNC requests that the following motions, which were adopted by the City Council, be acted upon immediately:

Council File: 09-1664

Title: Enforcement of Ordinances Protecting Urban Forest / Amendment

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=09-1664>

Motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2009/09-1664_ca_09-22-09.pdf

Proposed ordinance: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2009/09-1664_rpt_bpw_6-1-09.pdf

Council File: 09-2605

Title: Illegal Tree Pruning and Removal

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=09-2605>

Motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2009/09-2605_ca_04-30-10.pdf

We also request that this 2014 motion, adopted by the City Council, be acted upon immediately:

Council File: 14-0019

Title: Street Tree Guidelines and Policies / City of Los Angeles / Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry / Issuing Contracts

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-0019>

Motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-0019_mot_01-07-14.pdf

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Greene", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Greene
President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

cc: Office of Councilmember José Huizar