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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: Council File 14-0163-S3 Honorable City Council c/o Office of the City Clerk Los Angeles

City Hall 200 North Spring Street, Room 395 Los Angeles, CA, 90012

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) submits the following Community Impact Statement in favor of the Sidewalk Repair Incentive Rebate Program as long as it is amended to ensure that the City commits to funding the planting and care of a second replacement tree

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled STNC General Meeting on October 12, 2016; the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council has adopted the following motion by a vote of [X] yes, [X] no, [X] abstention, and has directed that this Community Impact Statement be filed with the City Clerk's office reflecting its position.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, supports council resolution 14-0163-S3, with specific amendments, introduced by Council President Wesson and Councilmember Krekorian. All Angelenos deserve a safe and accessible city. However, our communities need to have a healthy urban forest to protect us all from extreme heat, to purify the air we breathe, to clean and add stormwater to our local water supply, and much more. When one mature tree is removed, it should be replaced by two trees because the replacement trees will be younger, oftentimes a smaller species, and will have to struggle to survive due to pests, extreme heat and drought. The City of Los Angeles needs to commit to a plan that funds the establishment and care of these replacement trees to ensure that Angelenos do not see our urban forest decimated and lose the many critical protections that they give us. Without a secure funding source and a planting timeline, we leave too much up to chance and miss an important opportunity to create a more healthy and liveable city.