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Summary: The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council 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.

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on October 13, 2016; the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council has adopted the following motion by a vote of 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention, and has directed that this Community Impact Statement be filed with the City Clerk's office reflecting its position.

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 healthier and livable city.