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To: "Adam.Lid@LACity.org" <adam.lid@lacity.org>

Hello,

We can not cut down that sycamore tree in Griffith park to build ball fields. I don't know if anybody has noticed, but LA has very few trees and the air quality here is not excellent. You can compare the number of trees here and the air quality here to many of america's other major cities and you will see that LA sits very low down on the list. That is not an opinion, that is a fact. The data is on line. The air quality of our city is available on the EPA's website. It's not good. Have you ever looked down at LA while flying over in an airplane? We live in a brown and gray concrete jungle. Have you ever looked down at a city in the eastern part of the united states? Is is green and lush there. Yes, we live in the west where it's dry, but that's another reason why we shouldn't be cutting down trees. They store water and, maybe nobody has noticed, but this state is in a drought. The root systems of mature trees retain water through droughts and the shade of their branches prevent water loss from the earth and other vegetation. Furthermore, large trees like this sycamore broom the air and scrub out tons of carbon. They are carbon sinks which is exactly what we need now. Only large mature trees perform this service well. Some say that trees are the only way for us to do something about global warming in the face of political stagnation. During times like these trees like this sycamore are very rare and precious to us. We can't be cutting them down. Little league grass is not going to remove carbon our urban air. The grass will consume water, not conserve it. Whoever came up with the idea to cut down this tree and replace it with a ball park is thinking backward and totally misguided. Wake up! Griffith Park is all we have between us and the bermuda triangle of the 101, 5, and 134 freeways. We are digging our own grave every time we cut down another tree in Griffith Park. We should be planting hundreds and thousands of trees not cutting them down. And dismissing this decision as part of managing a big park is not an excuse either. Every tree counts! Park planners need to compromise somewhere else or we'll all be compromised soon if they don't.

Sincerely,

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