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# MOTION

The Laurel Terrace Residential Historic District located in Studio City is an area that has been identified by SurveyLA as a critical residential area in the development of the San Fernando Valley. It is shown to be an excellent example of early automobile suburbanization in relation to entertainment industry-related residential development. The district is significant as one of Studio City's earliest residential subdivisions. The neighborhood stands out as a concentration of pre-World War II residential development in an area where most of the adjacent tracts date from the postwar period.

Features of the district include uniform setbacks, concrete sidewalks, original light standards, and mature trees planted at the time of the tract's subdivision.

The mature Sycamore trees along Cantura Street, between Vantage and Rhodes Avenues are an important feature of this district. According to aerial photographs, the trees were planted at the time of the tract's subdivision in the 1920s. These trees have been the subject of several newspaper articles over the years, including a 1996 Los Angeles Daily News article which noted that the trees "give that neighborhood an identity that is sorely lacking elsewhere in our fair city."

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the Planning Department Office of Historic Resources to begin the nomination process to designate the Sycamore trees along both sides of Cantura Street from Vantage to Rhodes Avenues in the Laurel Terrace Residential Historic District of Studio City as an Historic Cultural Monument in the City of Los Angeles, in as much as this streetscape feature reflects "the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, State or community" for its association with the development of the area

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