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December 19th, 2018

Mayor Eric Garcetti & Los Angeles City Council

200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CIS in support of CF 15-0467-S8, Current Hiring Efforts / Bureau of Street Services (BSS) / Planting, Maintenance and Care Services / City Street Trees

The Central Hollywood Neighborhood council represents 17,000 resident stakeholders, and thousands more who own property and conduct business within our boundaries.

Recently, efforts by the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance, led by Greater Valley Glen Council member Joanne D'Antonio, successfully halted the removal of 14 old growth Ficus trees within the CHNC boundaries. Through their efforts, new initiatives have been undertaken by the Bureau of Street Services and the Urban Forestry Division to revitalize the city's commitment to preserving and expanding our urban tree canopy.

CHNC recognizes the value added to Los Angeles by these efforts as city trees are rapidly [disappearing](#). In an era of increasing temperatures accelerated by anthropocentric climate change, it is vital that we maintain our existing tree cover while also encouraging greater investment in green spaces. The tree canopies additionally contribute to the beauty and aesthetic appeal of our communities. Our trees therefore add significant value to the overall quality of living for our residents. We urge to city to continue its efforts in utilizing independent third parties as well as the experiences of other cities, to achieve a complete restoration of our urban canopy.

We also recognize the necessary balance between tree maintenance and economic responsibility, as tree removal is often pursued in an effort to increase the safety and accessibility of our sidewalks, a project that costs the city [large sums of money](#) in repairs and lawsuits. The efforts by Councilmember Ryu's office to pursue creative solutions to sidewalk repair while preserving urban trees are laudable and we look forward to working with his office, UFD, and BSS to this end.

Therefore, we offer our SUPPORT of CF 15-0467-S8, Current Hiring Efforts / Bureau of Street Services (BSS) / Planting, Maintenance and Care Services / City Street Trees¹.

¹ http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0467-s8_mot_10-17-2018.pdf