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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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#### Impact Information

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Agenda Date:

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Summary: On January 9, 2019, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) passed a motion (17 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention) at its regularly scheduled board meeting to request that the Urban Forestry Division (UFD) adopt a 60-day notification period for proposed removal of all street trees and to adopt an opt-in notification system for all tree removals to the public. This motion is being submitted as a comment to Council file no. 15-0499-S1, City Tree Biodiversity Efforts. The GWNC believes that there are fundamental problems with UFD's current tree removal notice process and request that UFD's policies be changed in accordance to our recommendations set forth in the attached letter and as follows: I. UFD Should Adopt a 60-Day Notification Period for All Tree Removals 72 hours is insufficient amount of time to allow the dissemination of tree removal notices and to provide the community with an opportunity to comment on the proposed removal. We strongly believe that the community should have the opportunity to provide input on these matters. We believe that a 60-day notification period is more appropriate and would allow sufficient time for outreach and community input. II. All Tree Removal Notifications Should be Accessible and Disseminated to the Public The public has the right to know what is going on in their communities, including the removal of trees. The public should not be limited to relying on their neighborhood council for information that the City should be readily providing them. To that end, we recommend that UFD adopt an opt-in email notification system for all tree removals. We request that these two items be including among the issues addressed by the series of motions put forth by Councilmember David Ryu in Council File 15-0499-S1.