

**Council File 18-0725, 18-0142 and 18-0707**

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**NCSA Environmental Health Committee**

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City Council Members  
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Re: Council File 18-0725, 18-0142 and 18-0707. CEQA Appeal of Board of Public Works Adoption of the sidewalk repair project and Its Approval of Tree Removal Permit Request for Removal 18 Trees Located at 1225-1254 North Cherokee Avenue.

Dear City Council Members:

We are writing to voice our **strong support of the position taken by United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles and Eastside Nature Alliance in the subject CEQA appeals.** The City of Los Angeles has cut down over 400 trees in the name of sidewalk repair, so far. This systematic removal of trees from our neighborhoods not only may have a significant adverse effect on the environment, it *will* have a significant adverse effect on the environment. We urge the Council to stop thinking of these projects in isolation or about mature trees as disposable or replaceable. As with most environmental damage, the cumulative effect of many small, seemingly insignificant losses, each one with a “good” justification, eventually adds up to serious and sometimes irreversible problems. We encourage the Council to meaningfully consider the concerns and suggestions posed by the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliances’ Environmental Health and Trees Committee position statement, a copy of which is attached hereto. **We do, however, support the instruction to BSS to find a solution to repair of the sidewalk on Cherokee Avenue that preserves trees.**

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