

I am writing to ask that the council consider the safety of the residents over the trees in question. The sidewalks are in deplorable condition and are a dangerous hazard to all who live or visit there. The blockage of street lighting adds to the unsafety of the street and encourages criminal activity. The neighbors are not against trees on the street but the ones currently there are a detriment to the safety of all who walk, use a cane or walker or wheelchair or who are trying to push a baby stroller. The removal of these neglected trees is the opportunity to remedy the situation and plant more suitable trees. The residents value the safety of our neighbors over the trees, which can be replaced. It is our sincere hope that the council cast their vote, in good conscience, as if their own families lived on Cherokee and had to deal with the danger the trees present.

North Cherokee Trees

1 message

Dan Edwards <danedwardstogo@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 16, 2018 at 9:23 PM

To: "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Mr. Espinosa,

Through community outreach programs, I have become aware of city initiatives to cut down trees in my neighborhood. I work from home and walking through the blocks of North Cherokee provide an important relief in my day to day life.

The shade, the feeling of air being cleaned, and the sound of the leaves rustling provide an often-overlooked need to disconnect from modern life. Please, we can't get these tall beauties back, and they make the surrounding neighborhood so much more pleasant to be around and in.

Please keep this neighborhood, and the greater Los Angeles area as green as you can, including supporting CEQA. In cases of growing urban expansion, citizens have a right and need to green spaces as much as they do other public services.

Thank you for your time and hope to speak to you in person during the public hearing.

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Trees on Cherokee Ave

1 message

bbfrog <bbfrog@pacbell.net>
To: Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Oct 16, 2018 at 10:31 PM

I am a resident of [1251 North Cherokee Ave, 90038](#). I am writing to tell you that I am totally in favor of the trees being removed. I love trees, but these trees are the wrong ones. They have ruined the sidewalks to the point that people with strollers, wheelchairs, etc have to walk in the street. I cannot walk in front of my own house because of tree roots and uprooted cement.

It is dangerous at night because there is no light from the street lights. Drug dealers park here to do business along with other unsavory looking people. I am very afraid to be out. I fear for my safety. I also fear falling just trying to go up and down the street even using my cane.

We have already had one lawsuit due to the sidewalks. How many more do we need? The ADA may need to get involved.

I am looking forward to these trees being removed and replaced by appropriate ones and the sidewalks repaired.

Please do not publish my name or address because I worry that those opposed to the trees being removed may cause damage to my property. The opposition is a group that doesn't even live on this street. Would you want your family to go through this?

Thank you for assistance in this matter.

Barbara Britton

Re: Council File: 18-0707; Case: BPW-2018-0550

1 message

NCSA Environmental Health Committee

Wed, Oct 17, 2018 at 11:57

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City Council Members

City of Los Angeles Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee

c/o Michael Espinosa

City Clerk's Office

City [Hall, Room 395](#)

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Via Email: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Re: Council File 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:

Please be aware that we believe the City would not be liable the moment it puts up pedestrian warning signs, which it has failed to do, despite my suggesting that solution to council member Ryu's office staff back in July. **A clear, legible, well-placed warning sign can provide the City protection from liability** while it works with the community and new director of BOSS for a more environmentally superior project with its own 2001 policy goals in mind.

BOSS 2001 Policy Goals for Sidewalk Repair

- preserve as many large, healthy trees as possible
- remove trees in phases to retain an acceptable level of canopy cover
- limit tree removals to no more than 20 percent of the trees in a block or trees at three consecutive residences within one year
- foster neighborhood involvement in the decision-making process

Sincerely,

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Environmental Health Committee Chair/Trees Committee Advisor

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