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PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) appeal by United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles and the Eastside Nature Alliance of a tree removal permit request under the Sidewalk Repair Program for removal of six Camphor trees located at 526, 600, 606, 610, 616 and 620 West 48th Street.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DENY the appeal by United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles and the Eastside Nature Alliance of a tree removal permit request under the Sidewalk Repair Program for removal of six Camphor trees located at 526, 600, 606, 610, 616 and 620 West 48th Street.
2. DETERMINE, based on the whole of the administrative record, that West 48th Street between Figueroa Street and Hoover Street, Sidewalk Repair Program Site No. 1324 (Project) is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section No. 15301, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exception to the categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section No. 15300.2 applies.
3. DETERMINE, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines, Article III, Section 1, Class a, Category 1 (existing facilities), subpart (3) (operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of sidewalks) not subject to any exception.
4. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption based upon the exemption determinations stated above at Recommended Action Nos. 2 and 3.
5. SUSTAIN the Board of Public Works' July 25, 2018 action approving a tree removal permit request to remove 6 trees located on West 48th Street between Figueroa Street and Hoover Street for the reconstruction of an off-grade sidewalk, and the planting of 12 replacement trees.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the BSS. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

At the meeting held on October 17, 2018, your Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered a Bureau of Street Services report relative to the CEQA appeal by United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles and the Eastside Nature Alliance of a tree removal permit request under the Sidewalk Repair Program for removal of six Camphor trees located at 526, 600, 606, 610, 616 and 620 West 48th Street. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to deny the appeal, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
RYU:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	ABSENT

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