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Brief Summary: The Mid-City Neighborhood Council supports a 'fix and release' plan for the repair of our tree-damaged sidewalks. The City will issue bonds to finance the repair. There will be no new taxes. The City may develop alternative plans (50/50 program, loan fund, Assessment Districts) that rely on the voluntary participation by Property Owners.

Additional Information: Property Owners and the City may retain independent contractors and managers. The City will assess the status of our sidewalks and prioritize the necessary repairs. The City will establish a well-funded, independent Oversight Committee to ensure transparency throughout the process.

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RE: CF 14-0163-S3/CF 14-0163-S4

The Mid-City Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be attached/added to Council File 14-0163-S3 and Council File 14-0163-S4 regarding the Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program.

We, Michael J. Sonntag and Erick Morales, declare that we are the President and Treasurer, respectively of the Mid-City Neighborhood Council (NC) and that on September 15, 2014, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by this NC with a quorum of 13 board members present and that by a vote of 11 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstention, the Mid-City NC adopted the following resolution as a CIS:

"The Mid-City Neighborhood Council supports a 'fix and release' plan for the repair of our tree-damaged sidewalks. The City will issue bonds to finance the repair. There will be no new taxes. The City may develop alternative plans (50/50 program, loan fund, Assessment Districts) that rely on the voluntary participation by Property Owners. Property Owners and the City may retain independent contractors and managers. The City will assess the status of our sidewalks and prioritize the necessary repairs. The City will establish a well-funded, independent Oversight Committee to ensure transparency throughout the process."

However, members of the Mid-City Neighborhood Council would like for the Council and Councilmember Krekorian to address the following questions:

- Will the City consider working with the County Assessor's Office on providing a tax cut for those who participate in the 50/50 program being proposed?
- Who would decide on the contractor and at what point(s) in time would payment be made? If a loan program is created, will a homeowner have to qualify for the loan? Will the Council create guidelines and an application for such a loan program? Would there be a limit as to how many homeowners will receive loans?
- If the sidewalk damage is caused by a tree, will the City remove the tree as well? The City should consider removing the tree and replacing it with a drought-tolerant and low-maintenance tree.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Sonntag

Signature Of President

10/1/14

Date

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