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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 14-0163-S3

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports council resolution 14-0163-S3 with amendments described below. All those living in Los Angeles deserve a safe and accessible city. However, Los Angeles requires a healthy urban forest to protect us from extreme heat, purify the air we breathe, clean and add stormwater to our local water supply, provide sound barriers, and much more. When one mature tree is removed, it must be replaced by two trees because replacement trees will be younger, oftentimes a smaller species, and will struggle to survive pests, extreme heat and drought. The City of Los Angeles needs to commit to a plan that plants two trees for every one tree removed, and the City must fund the planting and care of the second replacement tree. This will help to avoid decimating our urban forest and losing the critical protections that trees provide.



Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

24 October 2016

Re: Council File 14-0163-S3

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council **approves Council File 14-0163-S3**, the Sidewalk Repair Incentive Rebate Program, **provided that it is amended** to ensure that two trees will be planted for every one tree removed and that the City funds the planting and care of the second replacement tree with a planting timeline to prevent the decline of a protective urban forest.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 20, 2016; the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council has adopted the following motion by a unanimous vote, and has directed that this Community Impact Statement be filed with the City Clerk's office reflecting its position.

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Yours truly,

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