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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(11)

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Summary: The Pico Union Neighborhood Council (PUNC) at its Special General Board on April 16, 2022, Agenda item 5k, voted 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining to support this motion presented by Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson to: Instruct the Planning Department, the Department of Building and Safety, the Bureau of Street Services, the City's Community Forest Advisory Committee, and the Board of Public Works Forest Office, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to: (1) prepare a report with recommendations relative to ongoing tree and biodiversity planning, strategies and/or efforts to protect and grow the City's urban canopy, as instructed by the Council on August 12, 2020 (CF15-0499-S1); and (2) provide recommendations to require the placement of trees, and timing of any tree removals, at an ea. phase in the land use/environmental review, and permitting review process, and thereby maximize efforts to grow tree canopy coverage; and (3) prepare and present an ordinance to effectuate these directives. Pico Union has one of the smallest urban canopies in the entire city. Sadly, it is continuing to shrink along with our neighbors' greenery in Koreatown. Our districts are being flooded with major construction projects overseen by contractors and developers who keep claiming to the above forementioned departments that trees need to be removed because they are in the project's right-of-way" of driveways or transformers. The PUNC community recently lost three 70-year-old plus trees with magnificent canopies for this very absurd reason. Therefore, the PUNC strongly backs this motion and sees this as a required action by these entities for the sustainability and protection of our biodiversity from further deterioration.