

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to consideration of and recommendation to Council on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21151(c) appeal by the Sunshine Hills Residents Association, (Appellant) of the tree removal permit issued for 11472 West Laurelcrest Drive.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DENY the appeal by the Appellant for a tree removal permit issued for 11472 West Laurelcrest Drive.
2. DETERMINE, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project as described in the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) report dated October 6, 2020, attached to the Council file is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15303 and 15332, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exception to the categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 applies; and, INSTRUCT the BSS to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption reflecting this determination.
3. DETERMINE that the Los Angeles Municipal Code does not provide Appellant a legal right to appeal the decision to issue a protected tree permit and the Appellant's sole right to appeal exists pursuant to CEQA.
4. SUSTAIN the Board of Public Works September 13, 2019 approval of the Permit to Remove Protected Trees and Replant (Permit No. 1-130056931) (RA 5).

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 a regular meeting held on November 4, 2020 the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee telephonically considered a BSS report relative to consideration of and recommendation to City Council on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21151(c) appeal by the Sunshine Hills Residents Association, of the tree removal permit (Permit No. 1-1300569631) issued for 11472 West Laurelcrest Drive. After providing an opportunity for public comment, and comment from the Applicant and Appellant, the Committee approved the recommendations in the BSS report dated October 6, 2020, as detailed above; and, denied the appeal. This matter is now transmitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RYU:	ABSENT
DE LEON:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT

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