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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/03/2022

Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

#### Impact Information

Date: 04/03/2022

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

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Council File Number: 21-1030-S1

Agenda Date: 04/05/2022

Item Number: PLUM Agenda Item No. 6

Summary: UNNC is concerned with Tree Equity in South Los Angeles. The Crenshaw Crossing project will be a catalyst for needed housing, but will destroy a grove of Protected Sycamore Trees. The City can do better than that. We SUPPORT the Appeal. UNNC and community members first learned in November (long after a July 7, 2021 hearing where Staff FAILED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC that the Sycamore grove would be destroyed) that there were protected Sycamore trees on the site and that the project was not designed in a way that would retain them. Though it was late in the process, we urged the City Planning Commission (CPC) to require that Applicant and Metro do a redesign of the easterly building and plaza in order to retain the grove. The 1st floor commercial space is set aside for a grocery; a creative design could retain the required minimum square footage, plus the same number of residential units above, while also conserving the Sycamore grove and incorporating it into the open plaza space. Therefore, UNNC voted on Dec. 2, 2021, to "APPROVE a Resolution and Community Impact Statement/CIS that UNNC approves moving forward with the Crenshaw Crossing project... and that we support wholeheartedly the effort to make the project 100% affordable; with the caveat that the Sycamore Grove be protected during construction and preserved as a part of the project." At the CPC hearing staff scolded the community for not pointing this out sooner. To repeat: Staff did not inform the community, and also did not inform City Council in a transparent way. The requirements for utilizing the SCEA CEQA process specifically states that SCEAs are only to be used when there are NO UNMITIGATED IMPACTS. Although the removal of Protected Trees can be conditioned per the LAMC, the impact cannot be mitigated, and therefore using SCEA as the CEQA clearance is not permitted. After a community member appealed, UNNC voted again on March 3, 2022 to "reaffirm UNNC's prior motion, and support the appeal on that basis."