



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

November 4, 2019

Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD11
Tim Tyson, Chief Forester, Urban Forestry Division, StreetsLA

Via email: mike.bonin@lacity.org
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Re: Urban Forestry (Street Tree Selection) Policy for Pacific Palisades

Dear Councilmember Bonin and Mr. Tyson:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based organization and voice of the Palisades community since 1973.

PPCC understands that the City has been planting few street trees in Pacific Palisades and recognizes the need to work together with the Urban Forestry Division of StreetsLA (UFD) to facilitate the preservation and enhancement of our urban forest and its canopy. With this in mind, in Spring 2019 PPCC formed the Palisades Forestry Committee (PFC), consisting of landscape professionals, community organizations, tree advocates and local government officials (including UFD Superintendent Stephen Du Prey and CD11 Palisades-Brentwood Deputy Lisa Cahill), with the goal of conducting research and developing and recommending to the PPCC Board an urban forestry policy (including street tree selection) for the Palisades. It was anticipated that the adoption of such a policy would in turn lead to the resumption of street tree planting in the Palisades.

After five months of study, the PFC drafted a report dated September 1, 2019 (the Report) and presented the Report to the Board and community at the public PPCC Board meeting on September 12, 2019. Following extensive discussion, the PFC invited the Board and community to submit additional comments on the Report.

Taking into account the comments received, the PFC submitted a resolution endorsing the PFC's urban forestry Mission Statement and street tree selection criteria for the PPCC Board's approval at the public PPCC board meeting on October 24, 2019. After discussion, the Board voted nearly unanimously to adopt the following resolution: <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Resolution-re-Street-Tree-Selections.pdf>.

In light of the Board's adoption of this resolution, PPCC respectfully requests that UFD resume the planting of street trees in Pacific Palisades as soon as practicable.

Thank you for your anticipated courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely,

David Card
Vice Chair, Pacific Palisades Community Council
Chair, PPCC Palisades Forestry Committee

cc: Stephen Du Prey, Superintendent, Urban Forestry Division, StreetsLA
Lisa Cahill, Palisades-Brentwood Deputy, CD11

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