



Pacific Palisades Community Council

May 14, 2024

Hon Councilwoman Traci Park
City Council, City of Los Angeles
Via email

Re: In support of CF 24-0548

Dear Councilwoman Park:

On behalf of PPCC, I ask that you please vote in support of CF 24-0548 to assert the jurisdiction of City Council over the enforcement of laws, as they are enforced by city agencies tasked with upholding them. In this case, at issue is the intentional removal of protected trees without a permit.

We ask you to support this motion by CM Raman because our Palisades community is similarly affected, at times, by bad actors who remove or prune trees without permit and there seems to be little recourse as these laws are difficult to enforce. We do not wish to see a precedent where when enforced, the penalties are waved of or casually reduced without just cause.

In the case of the incident in CD4, The Bureau of Street Services (the enforcement body of the city for tree removals) determined there was a violation of LAMC Section 46.00 and requested that the Department of Building and Safety withhold issuance of building permits for four years as a penalty for the unlawful removal of protected tree(s). On appeal, the Board of Public Works reduced the moratorium on future building permits, down to two years.

Councilmember Raman seeks to assert City Council's jurisdiction over the Board of Public Works' decision and conduct further review. We support this. We ask that you do as well.

Best

Maryam Zar, President

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