

## PUBLIC TREE RESTORATION MOTION

RE: DESTRUCTION OF FOUR PUBLICLY - OWNED MATURE TREES At Venice Blvd. and Lincoln Blvd. 90291

Whereas trees reduce Carbon Dioxide in the environment, eliminate dust in the atmosphere, reduce traffic noise, retain and filter water in the soil, provide shade which cools the city, provide homes to the myriad birds and creatures essential to biodiversity and beautify our urban environment; and

Whereas the owner and or developer/contractor/construction company of the House of Pies construction site has removed and destroyed 4 mature trees from City of Los Angeles property at the southwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevard, which constitutes a prominent entry into the Venice Neighborhood, without obtaining a permit and in contradiction to representations made to the VNC;

Whereas these trees were 30 years old, of substantial size and installed, tended and watered by Venice community members in conjunction with the City, State and non profits organizations including Tree People with our tax dollars and grant funding;

NOW THEREFORE,

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles cause the proper enforcement agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Public Works, the Department of Building and Safety, the California Coastal Commission, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff, and any other relevant agencies, to levy fines against this developer that are sufficient to replace the trees 2 to 1 with 48" box Sycamores or the largest possible, which ever is greater, including removal of stumps, enlargement of the tree wells, widening of the sidewalk and maintenance of the trees to maturity (10 years). We further ask that this owner and developer's Certificate of Occupancy and building permits be withheld until the completion of the planting of the new trees is fully accomplished.

Distribution List:

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