

AGENDA ITEM (1)

BPW-2018-0550  
ADVISEMENT #1  
CD 4

[TREE REMOVAL - 1225 THROUGH 1254 NORTH CHEROKEE AVENUE](#)

Recommending the Board:

1. FIND that the tree removal (1) classifies as operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing street, sidewalk, and gutter, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource; (2) that the action is exempt under Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 3 (existing facilities - sidewalk repair or maintenance) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (2002); and (3) that none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption as set forth in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply; and
2. REVIEW and APPROVE this tree removal permit request for the removal of eighteen Indian Laurel Fig (*Ficus microcarpa*) trees located on 1200 Block of North Cherokee Avenue for the reconstruction of an off-grade sidewalk. Tree replacements are required.

(CONTINUED FROM MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018)

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▢ BSS\_1
- ▢ BSS\_1\_TR1
- ▢ BSS\_1\_TR2
- ▢ BSS\_1\_TR4

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES  
REPORT NO.1  
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Date: July 9, 2018  
CD# 04

Honorable Board of Public Works  
Of the City of Los Angeles

Commissioners:

**1225 THROUGH 1254 NORTH CHEROKEE AVENUE – CITYWIDE SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM IN COUNCIL DISTRICT FOUR REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE PERMIT TO REMOVE EIGHTEEN INDIAN LAUREL FIG (FICUS MICROCARPA) TREES BY CITY FORCES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE OFFGRADE PUBLIC SIDEWALK. TREE REPLACEMENTS ARE REQUIRED.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. FIND that the tree removal (1) classifies as operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing street, sidewalk, and gutter, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource; (2) that the action is exempt under Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 3 (existing facilities – sidewalk repair or maintenance) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (2002); and (3) that none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption as set forth in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply.
2. Review and approve this tree removal permit request for the removal of eighteen Indian Laurel Fig (*Ficus microcarpa*) trees located on 1200 Block of North Cherokee Avenue for the reconstruction of an off-grade sidewalk. Tree replacements are required.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Tree Removal Notification to Council Office.
2. Service Request #1-962065741 and 1-962014371
3. Property owner's authorization for tree removal forms.
4. Photographs of the trees to be removed.

**CONDITION:**

All tree replacements comply with the Board of Public Works 2:1 tree replacement policy and shall be planted by the Office of Community Beautification (OCB) or its contractor. The Urban Forestry Division shall begin weekly watering of the tree replacements upon tree planting confirmation from the OCB. Tree watering shall continue for a three-year period.

- Twenty-eight 24-inch box size Pink Trumpet (*Handroanthus heptaphyllus*) trees to be replanted on the 1200 Block of North Cherokee Avenue. At the following addresses, two at 1240, one at 1244, one at 1248, one at 1254, one at 1260, one at 1222, one at 1228, one at 1215, one at 1209, ten at 1210, two at 1225, two at 1231, one at 1235, one at 1237, one at 1245, one at 1251.
- Eight 24-inch box size Pink Trumpet (*Handroanthus heptaphyllus*) trees to be replanted on the 1200-1300 North block of June Street at the following addresses, one at 1211, one at 1215, one at 1219, one at 1247, one at 1249, one at 1250, one at 1318, one at 1322.

**ALTERNATIVE METHODS AND OPTIONS EXPLORED:**

The size, species, and location of the trees negate the possibility of tree preservation or relocation.

**RECITAL:**

The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is the lead agency in identifying defective sidewalks at several locations throughout the City of Los Angeles as part of the Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program. BOE and its contractors are working in close collaboration with the Bureau of Street Services (Bureau) in addressing potential impacts to street trees adjacent to targeted locations.

The BOE contacted the Bureau in reference to reconstruction of off-grade sidewalk conditions along both sides of the 1200 North block of Cherokee Avenue between Fountain Avenue to the north and Lexington Ave to the south. A Bureau Arborist inspected the subject location on March 21, 2018. The inspection revealed eighteen Indian Laurel Fig (*Ficus microcarpa*) trees. The trees are in fair health measuring approximately eighteen to thirty-six inches in diameter by approximately thirty to forty feet in height growing in four-foot parkways with five feet sidewalks.

The Bureau of Street Services is proposing to replace the defective sidewalks due to uplift and severe disruption by the roots and root crowns of the subject trees. The trees have severely outgrown their growing space and defective sidewalks are prevalent throughout the area. The required root pruning to allow the trees to remain would significantly and adversely affect the trees' health and roots' structural integrity leaving them potentially unstable. Hence, sidewalk reconstruction will require tree removal.

### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

The Bureau finds the tree removal (1) classifies as operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing street, sidewalk, and gutter, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource; (2) that the action is exempt under Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 3 (existing facilities – sidewalk repair or maintenance) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (2002); and (3) that none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption as set forth in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply.

The CEQA Guidelines for Street Tree Removal and Replacements were used in making this finding and are on file with the Bureau and available to the public upon request.

### **CONCLUSION**

Daniel Park, District Advocate, Council District Four, was informed of the tree removal request on April 18, 2018, and will notify the Bureau of any objections received by their office.

Public comments on this tree removal request will be received and heard, both in-writing and in-person, during the scheduled public hearing with the Board. The following public noticing of this tree removal permit was conducted:

- Notice of the proposed tree removals were physically posted on the subject trees on March 21, 2018.
- Proposed tree removals were included in the Bureau's Tree Removal Notification System.
- The Community Forestry Advisory Committee (CFAC) was notified.

The Bureau's Urban Forestry Division shall begin weekly watering of the tree replacements upon tree planting confirmation from (OCB). Tree watering shall continue for a three-year period.

- Twenty-eight 24-inch box size Pink Trumpet (*Handroanthus heptaphyllus*) trees to be replanted on the 1200 Block of North Cherokee Avenue at the following addresses: two at 1240, one at 1244, one at 1248, one at 1254, one at 1260, one at 1222, one at 1228, one at 1215, one at 1209, ten at 1210, two at 1225, two at 1231, one at 1235, one at 1237, one at 1245, one at 1251 North Cherokee Avenue.
- Eight 24-inch box size Pink Trumpet (*Handroanthus heptaphyllus*) trees to be replanted on the 1200-1300 North block of June Street at the following addresses: one at 1211, one at 1215, one at 1219, one at 1247, one at 1249, one at 1250, one at 1318, one at 1322 North June Street.

All tree replacements comply with the Board of Public Works 2:1 tree replacement policy and shall be planted by the Office of Community Beautification (OCB) or its contractor.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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NAZARIO SAUCEDA, DIRECTOR  
BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES

Prepared by:  
Urban Forestry Division  
Ext. 7-3077

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S:\Board Reports\Sidewalk Repair Prog Board Report\FY 2017-2018\1225-1254 N Cherokee Ave

TREE REMOVAL NOTIFICATION

DATE: April 18, 2018  
 # OF PAGES: 1

**TO:**  
 COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4  
 ATTENTION: Nikki Ezhari/Alice Roth / Daniel Park / Adeena Bleich / Nick Greif  
 PHONE NUMBER: 213-485-3337 / 818-755-7630  
 FAX NUMBER: 213-473-2311 / alice.roth@lacity.org / nicholas.greif@lacity.org  
 EMAIL: daniel.park@lacity.org / nikki.ezhari@lacity.org / adeena.bleich@lacity.org

**FROM: URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION**

Mail Stop #550  
 1149 S. Broadway, 4th Floor  
 Los Angeles, CA 90015  
 PHONE #: (213) 847-3077  
 FAX: (213) 847-3033

**MESSAGE:** The Urban Forestry Division received the following permit request to remove trees.

**REQUESTER'S INFO:** City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services.  
 c/o Sidewalk Repair Program  
 1149 S Broadway 4th Floor  
 Los Angeles, CA 90015

**PERMIT TYPE:** No-Fee Permit

**TREE LOCATION:** 1225 - 1254 N Cherokee Av Bid Pkg # BSS-8 CRM # 1-962065741 /  
 Los Angeles, CA 90038 Location # 1267 1-962014371  
 # 1276

**TREE QUANTITY AND SPECIES:** (18) Indian Laurel Fig (Ficus microcarpa)

**REASON FOR REQUEST:** Sidewalk Repair Program

**CEQA:** The tree removal(s) is/are (1) classified as operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing street, sidewalk, and gutter, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource; (2) the action is exempt under Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 3 (existing facilities - sidewalk repair or maintenance) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (2002); and (3) none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption as set forth in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply.

**TREE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

PLANTING QUANTITY AND SPECIES: (36) 24-inch box size Pink Trumpet (Handroanthus heptaphyllus)

**FOR BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES USE ONLY**

- The above request has been reviewed and approved.
- The above request is denied.

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_



Maricel El-Amin <maricel.el-amin@lacity.org>

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## Tree Removal Notification for 1225-1254 N Cherokee Av

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**Maricel El-Amin** <maricel.el-amin@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 18, 2018 at 8:19 AM

To: Nikki Ezhari <nikki.ezhari@lacity.org>, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>, Daniel Park <daniel.park@lacity.org>, Adeena Bleich <adeena.bleich@lacity.org>, Nicholas Greif <nicholas.greif@lacity.org>, Ryan Allen <rallen@labteam.org>

Please see attached.

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 **1225-1254 Cherokee Av Sites 1267 and 1276.pdf**  
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Service Request #: 1-962065741

Print

SR Status: Pending - Location inspected, work pending

### Summary

Service Type: Street Tree Inspection

Contact: Cui Sanchez  
213-847-0804 [Edit](#)  
cui.sanchez@lacity.org

Location: 1244 N CHEROKEE AVE,  
90038

Council District: 4

Thomas Bros: 593-E5

Maintenance Area: North Central

Maintenance District: 108

Source of Request: Call [Edit](#)

Language: English [Edit](#)

Work Order Number: N/A [Edit](#)

Claim Number: N/A [Edit](#)

Submitted By: Cuitlahuac Sanchez 03/13/2018 08:16 AM

Last Updated By: Cuitlahuac Sanchez 03/27/2018 03:44 PM

Ticket Owner: BSS

Division: Urban Forestry

Assigned To: 108, UFD

Assignee: N/A

Priority Level: Normal [Edit Priority](#)

Service Date: N/A

Action Taken: SR Created [Edit](#)

Optional Tracking Code: N/A [Edit](#)

Attachments: [Edit](#)



Internal: Cuitlahuac Sanchez on 03/27/2018 02:18 PM



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### SR Details

Type:	Tree Diseased or Infested
Location:	Parkway

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**Additional Location Info:** Sidewalk Repair Program Bid package 8, Site #1267 Assigned to BSS.

**Comments**

Comment	Internal or External	Created By	Created Date
Sidewalk repairs are taking place On N. CHEROKEE AVE From 1240 to 1254 N. CHEROKEE Ave..There are (11) Ficus (INDIAN LAUREL FIG) trees with a DBH of 18"-36"x45' in Height..with full crown..All trees are in a 4' parkway..trees have impacted 5' sidewalk creating an off grade condition approximately 4"-10"..trees have low clearance 7'-9' over street side with signs of been hit in the past..Tree has outgrown its grow space provided..Root prune is not an option..Trees Critical root zone will be impacted..No overhead wires..No Parking 10am-1pm Tuesday.	Internal	Cuitlahuac Sanchez	03/27/2018 03:44 PM
RECOMMENDATION..REMOVE and STUMP GRIND (11) Ficus..from 1240-1254 ..REPLANTS (22) 24" box size Pink Trumpets..(F/1-2)@1240,(F/1)@1244,(F/1)@1248,(F/1)@1254,(F/1)@1260,(F/1)@1222,(F/1)@1228,(F/1-5)@1210,(F/1)@1209,(F/1)@1215,(R/1)@1210,(S/1-4)@1210,(F/1)@ 1211 June st,(F/1)@ 1215 June St..all trees have been mark with a single white line for removal and orange DOT for replant.	Internal	Cuitlahuac Sanchez	03/27/2018 03:44 PM
Tree Removal Notification Posting #844	Internal	Cuitlahuac Sanchez	03/21/2018 08:14 AM

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**SR Reassignment**

Referred From	Referred To	Notes	Initiator	Date
No Reassignments				

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[GAVE CALLER INFO](#)

**Parent SR(s)**

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**Child SR(s)**

SR#	SR Type	Link Initiator	Status	Linked Date	Action
No Data Found					

**BSS Inspection**

Inspected/Reviewed By:	Ivan Cortina	Inspection/Review Date:	03/13/2018 08:17 AM
Contact:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
Inspection Crew:	001		
Work Required (Reason):	I - Inspected		

### BSS Closeout

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Crew:	
Approved By:	
Work Completed (Resolution):	Select..
Date Completed:	mm/dd/yyyy

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Service Request #: 1-962014371

Print

SR Status: Pending - Location inspected, work pending

### Summary

Service Type: Street Tree Inspection

Contact: Jerry Caropino  
213-847-2958 [Edit](#)  
jerry.caropino@lacity.org

Location: 1255 N CHEROKEE AVE,  
90038

Council District: 4

Thomas Bros: 593-E5

Maintenance Area: North Central

Maintenance District: 108

Source of Request: Call [Edit](#)

Language: English [Edit](#)

Work Order Number: N/A [Edit](#)

Claim Number: N/A [Edit](#)

Submitted By: Cuitlahuac Sanchez 03/13/2018 07:40 AM

Last Updated By: Cuitlahuac Sanchez 03/27/2018 04:47 PM

Ticket Owner: BSS

Division: Urban Forestry

Assigned To: 108, UFD

Assignee: N/A

Priority Level: Normal [Edit Priority](#)

Service Date: N/A

Action Taken: SR Created [Edit](#)

Optional Tracking Code: N/A [Edit](#)

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### SR Details

Type:	Tree Diseased or Infested
Location:	Parkway

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**Additional Location Info:** Sidewalk repair program Bid package 8, Site #1276. Assigned to BSS.

**Comments**

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Sidewalk repairs are taking place On N. CHEROKEE AVE From 1225 to 1251 N. CHEROKEE Ave..There are (7) Ficus (INDIAN LAUREL FIG) trees with a DBH of 18"-36"x45' in Height..with full crown..All trees are in a 4' parkway..trees have impacted 5' sidewalk creating an off grade condition approximately 4"-10"..trees have low clearance 7'-9' over street side with signs of been hit in the past..Tree has outgrown its grow space provided..Root prune is not an option..Trees Critical root zone will be impacted..No overhead wires..No Parking 10am-1pm Monday.	Internal	Cuitlahuac Sanchez	03/27/2018 04:47 PM
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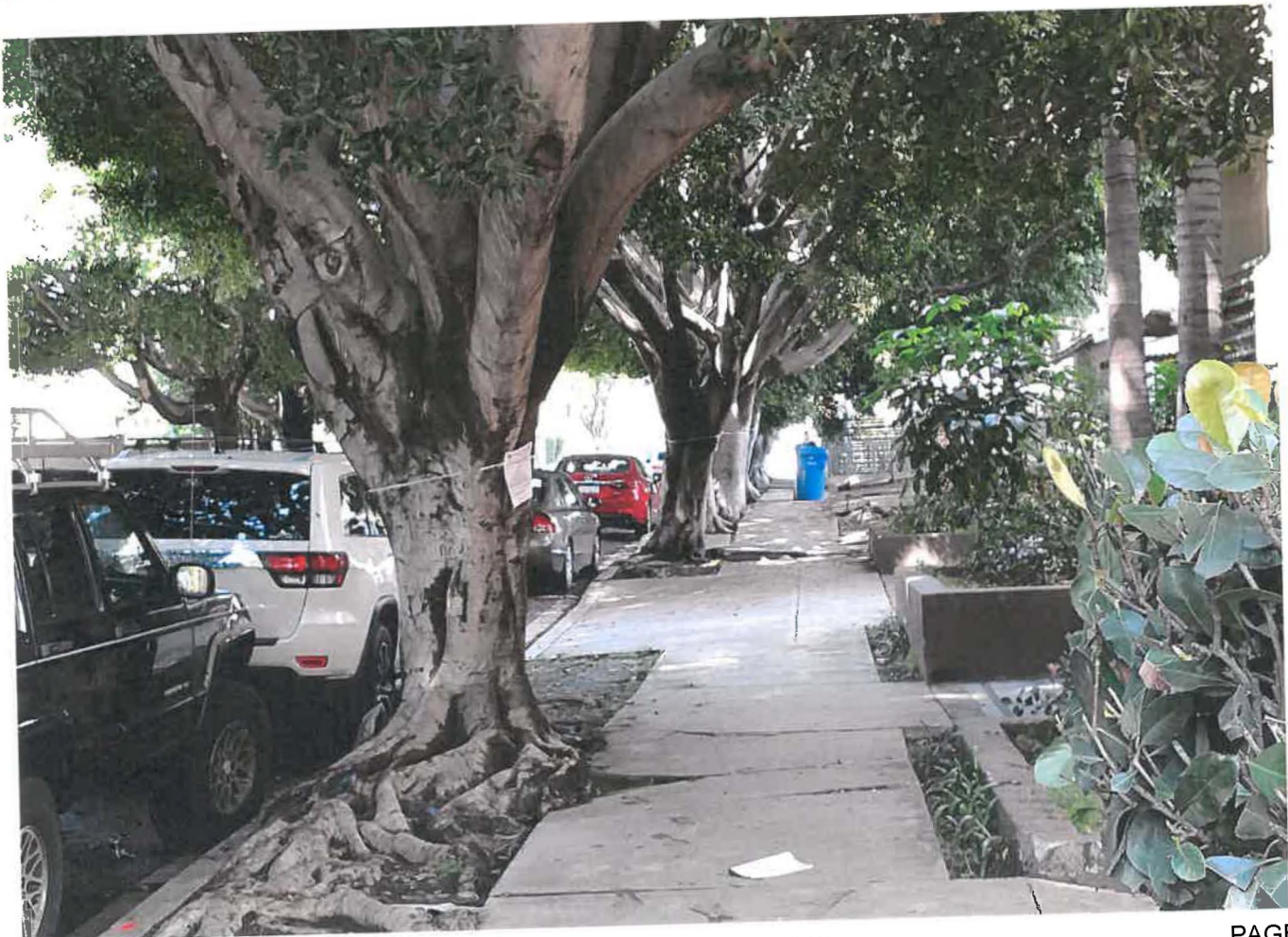
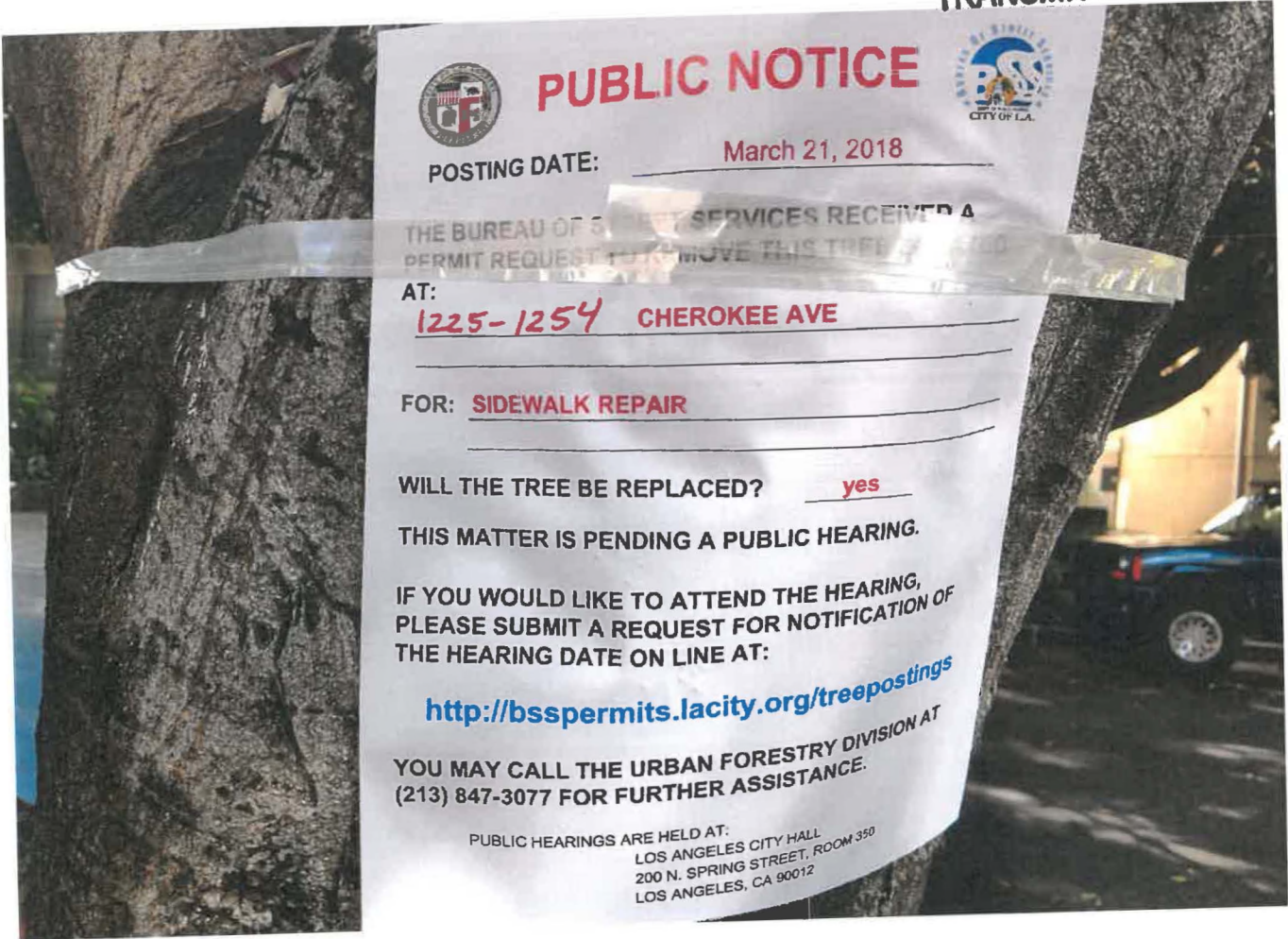
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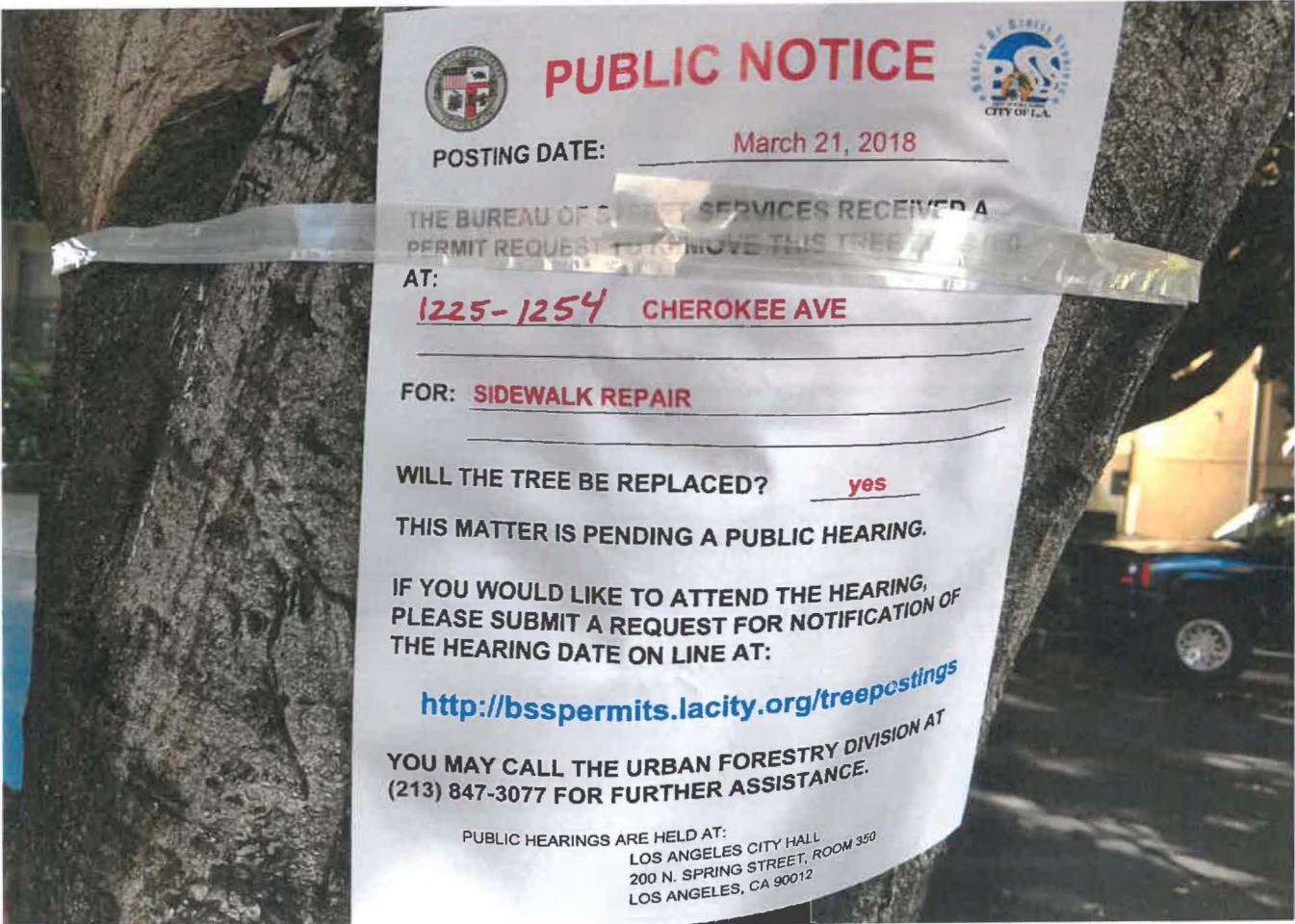








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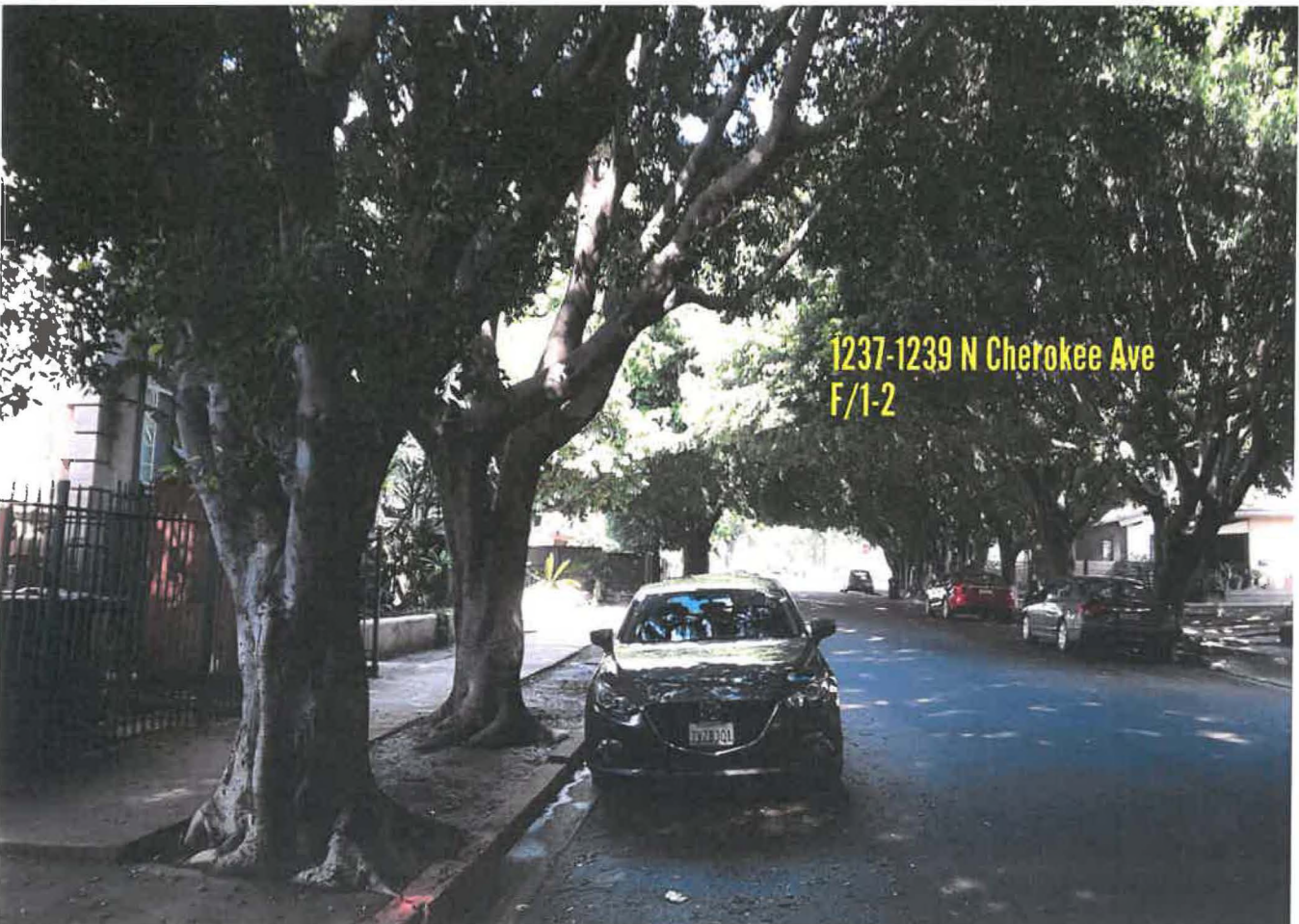








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1237-1239 N Cherokee Ave  
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**1254 N Cherokee Ave  
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