



200 N. Spring Street, Suite 420
Los Angeles, CA 90012

May 9, 2023

Holly L. Wolcott
City Clerk
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Wolcott,

I am writing to appoint Ms. Theresa Maysonet for the position of Alternate board member of the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC).

Ms. Maysonet is a staunch advocate for the preservation and enhancement of the City of Los Angeles' tree canopy. She has a deep understanding of the importance of trees to our city's environment, economy, and quality of life.

In her role as a board member of the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council, Ms. Maysonet has been advocating for the preservation of trees and is now their official tree liaison to the Urban Forestry Division. She also authored UNNC's first "Tree Policy", which now lays the foundation for all tree related activity within the NC's region, and has begun sharing it and advocating for other NC's to adopt similar policies.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Hakeem Parke-Davis in my office at 213-473-7010 or hakeem.parke-davis@lacity.org.

Sincerely,

Heather Hutt
Councilmember, 10th District

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COUNCIL

August 16, 2022

Shelley Billik, Chair
LA Community Forest Advisory
Committee (CFAC)

SUBJ: RECOMMENDATION OF THERESA MAYSONET TO THE COMMUNITY FOREST
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Via email to CFAC.Chair@gmail.com

Dear Shelley Billik:

The United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council (UNNC) highly recommends our Board Member Theresa Maysonet for appointment to the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC). Elected to the Board of the UNNC in June 2021, Mrs. Maysonet began her advocacy for trees by working for the preservation of a grove of protected sycamores, which was scheduled for removal to accommodate a housing development. Shortly after in July 2021, the UNNC appointed Mrs. Maysonet as the tree liaison to the Urban Forestry Division (UFD). Mrs. Maysonet worked with UFD to maintain the health and safety of the sycamore grove as the appeal process proceeded through City agencies, resulting in Motion 15-0499-S2. Mrs. Maysonet then worked with the CD 8 CFAC representative to shepherd the motion through the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, receiving final approval from the City Council on May 27, 2022. Through her work with the UNNC Planning & Zoning Committee, Mrs. Maysonet created the first UNNC "Tree Policy", which received final approval by the Governing Board in June 2022. The UNNC Tree Policy now lays the foundation for all future tree-related activity in our footprint. We support Theresa Maysonet's appointment to CFAC and believe she will be a valuable asset to the CFAC Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Jackson".

Greg Jackson
UNNC President

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April 3, 2023

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk City Hall, Room 395

RE: Nomination of Theresa Maysonet as Alternate Rep to the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) for CD10

Honorable City Council Members,

As Chair of the City of Los Angeles' Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC), I'm pleased to accept the nomination of Theresa Maysonet as alternate representative to CFAC for Councilmember Heather Hutt in Council District 10, to work in consort with CFAC representative Brent Green.

Theresa Maysonet is a board member of the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council where she has been advocating for the preservation of trees and is now their official tree liaison to the Urban Forestry Division. She made CFAC aware of a grove of protected CA Sycamore trees slated to be removed by the Crenshaw Crossing project next to the Expo Line, which led to Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson's motion asking city departments to better protect mature trees at the start of development projects. She also authored UNNC's first "Tree Policy," which now lays the foundation for all tree related activity within the NC's region, and has begun sharing it and advocating for other NC's to adopt similar policies.

[CFAC](#) was formed in 1993 and is tasked with advocating for the protection and expansion of a healthy and robust tree canopy for the City of Los Angeles and its environs. As members appointed by each Council District and the Mayor's office, our role is to advise City Council and city departments on tree-related policies and help develop programs which protect and expand the city's urban forest for the health and well-being of all Angelenos. We are dedicated to habitat/ecosystem/biodiversity protection, more sustainable land use, and equitable distribution of shade, clean air, cooling, and all of the benefits of a robust tree canopy.

We are looking forward to having Theresa continue to bring her deep community ties, ideas, and passion to our urban forestry program and policy work.

Sincerely,



Shelley Billik

Chair

cc: Brent Green, Kimani Black, Hakeem Parke-Davis, Alex Morales

—。THERESA MAYSONET。—

COMMUNITY LEADER

CONTACT



SouthLATrees.org

PROFILE

I am a forward-thinking, passionate leader who addresses community concerns through commitment, creativity, and courage. I apply strong interpersonal skills and focus to balance long term goals with short term solutions. Engaging with government officials and industry executives, I advocate to improve the quality-of-life for my constituents and advance tree and environmental initiatives. Additionally, as a recognized NC leader, I guided the Board out of the pandemic and into hybrid in-person meetings.

SKILLS

- LEADERSHIP
- COMMUNICATION
- ORGANIZATION
- MEETING FACILITATION
- MICROSOFT OFFICE
- ZOOM, YOUTUBE AND HYBRID VITRUAL
- CONFERENCING

ADDITIONAL

President, Tiffany-Rexford HOA
2007-2014 (Beverly Hills, CA)

Life-long organic gardener and food preserver. Global traveler

EXPERIENCE

South LA Tree Coalition

August 2022 - Present

Co-founder South LA Tree Coalition a 501(c)(3) community organization established to grow local awareness and interest in trees as part of larger efforts to address environmental justice, climate resiliency, biodiversity, and community wellness in South Los Angeles. Organized community land use appeal against a 464-unit housing development which included the removal of a protected sycamore grove, resulting in creation of City Council Motion 15-0499-S2, which requires early tree assessment and review during the development process. December 2022 – Awarded 50K Google Environmental Justice Data Fund grant.

United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council (UNNC)

Elected July 2021 - Present

Executive Committee: Developed and executed integration of UNNC's Zoom and live-streaming protocols; Appointed as UFD Liaison; and Chaired 20th Anniversary Committee.
Planning & Zoning Committee: Created UNNC **Tree Policy** now used as a model for other Neighborhood Councils; Authored update to SLA CPIO requiring initial site assessment to evaluate and document the presence of existing trees; and advocates for preservation of, an increase in, tree canopy with local developers and council district office.
Co-Chair Recreation & Parks Committee: Led efforts for installation of additional lighting and security cameras at Benny Potter Park and adjoining RAP historic facility, a 250K project; and initiated restoration of historic Isadore House with senior RAP officials.

News Producer (Freelance) – Reuters News Agency

2000-2010 (Burbank, CA)

Television News Producer specializing in entertainment and lifestyle packages. Extensive red carpet and award show experience.

Special Events Manager – Tribeca Grill Restaurant

1990-1993 (NYC)

Executive Assistant – Fox, Weinberg & Bennett

1983-1990 (Washington, DC)

EDUCATION

Sinclair Community College
1980-1982 (Dayton, OH)

Meadowdale High School
1977-1980 (Dayton, OH)