

## Communication from Public

**Name:** South LA Tree Coalition

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To: Public Works Committee, Los Angeles City Council Re: Public Works Trust Fund for the Procurement, Planting, and Watering of Oak Trees Dear Councilmembers: My name is Robin Gilliam and I am joined by my colleague and fellow Co-Founder of the South LA Tree Coalition, Theresa Maysonet. We understand that this opportunity to plant native Oak Trees in Los Angeles communities is unique. We support the staff recommendation for planning five (5) such trees in Council District 8, which along with many other communities in South LA is thoroughly documented as being a “tree poor” region of the City. We know that to address the City’s many prevailing crises, policy issues, and equity barriers we must leverage opportunities like this as trees impact areas of our individual lives and the life of our City – from air quality, to energy usage, biodiversity, quality of life and so much more. Planting these native trees which will grow to become large, mature trees in time, will further support our communities’ efforts to move the City toward achieving canopy equity here in South LA, and beyond. The South LA Tree Coalition encourages the UFD and the City Forest Officer to work in close collaboration with community members as they begin site selection for the planting locations of these majestic trees. We thank you for your consideration, Robin Gilliam & Theresa Maysonet South LA Tree (SLAT) Coalition southlatrees@gmail.com P.O. Box 19068 Los Angeles, CA 90019



November 9, 2022

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