

## Communication from Public

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**Date Submitted:** 11/21/2022 11:16 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1238

**Comments for Public Posting:** No Community Impact Statement has been filed because the Neighborhood Councils were not notified about the project in advance of it appearing at the Board of Public Works on November 8, 2022, which is not enough time for Neighborhood Councils to produce a CIS and the City knows it.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To: The Los Angeles City Council Re: Public Works Trust Fund for the Procurement, Planting, and Watering of Oak Trees, Council File 22-1238 Dear Councilmembers: The South LA Tree (SLAT) Coalition supports this motion and recognizes the recommended actions as an equity-based approach to addressing the diverse needs of the City's urban forest. 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  
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About SLAT The South LA Tree (SLAT) Coalition is a grassroots community group that developed in 2021 in response to the removal of a grove of Protected Sycamore trees in South LA as a result of a development project. Since then, the SLAT Coalition has worked to prioritize the preservation, protection and growth of the urban forest and its tree canopy in South LA – a designated tree-poor region of the City. The SLAT Coalition works to grow local awareness and interest in trees as part of larger efforts to strengthen environmental justice, climate resiliency, biodiversity, and community wellness.



November 21, 2022

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