

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Loughran

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2024 12:15 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0548

**Comments for Public Posting:** I submit comment as a board member of the Brentwood Homeowners Association and member of its newly formed Land Use Committee. BHA supports Councilmember Raman's motion. The removal of protected trees on Grandview Drive by the property owner was an egregious violation of the Protected Tree Ordinance (PTO). Our protected trees are a resource shared by us all and are necessary to clean our air, cool our ever hotter city and support our wildlife. Trees take generations to grow and therefore preservation through prevention is absolutely essential. If there are no meaningful consequences for violations they will continue. The penalty imposed by BPW was wholly insufficient. Please pass Councilmember Raman's motion which will send a clear message to property owners in Los Angeles that going forward there will be real consequences for those who illegally destroy protected trees.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Annette

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2024 05:16 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0548

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Council overriding the Board of Public Works decision in this matter and assessing a greater penalty to the property owner for wanton removal of protected trees.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** MICHAEL PITRUZZELLO

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2024 08:34 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good Morning, my name is Michael Pitruzzello and my family and I reside at 8452 Kirkwood Drive; this is the property below 8461 Grandview. I want to first thank Councilmember Raman and her staff for standing up and supporting the Protected Tree ordinance. My wife, who is a member of FOW friends of wonderland, where my two children attend school in the canyon, attended a Q&A with Councilwoman Raman at the school. Ms. Raman, my wife stated you spoke quite eloquently, and made excellent points. She appreciated your sincere care for our school and the entire region you serve. So thank you. Wonderland has a school-wide program known as the Green Coyotes (coyotes are Wonderland Elementaries Mascot). It teaches our children how important plant life/tree-life are to our local environment. It teaches our children the time and patience it takes to support an eco-system. How can we possibly teach this to our local children yet we do the opposite as adults. How can we as teachers/adults/parents/ and City Officials reduce the Protected Tree Ordinance violations to a 2 year ban? It's not about building OR development; it's about following the law and not bypassing or evading the rules. These trees and this lot was cut illegally on 3 separate occasions. These patterns show a complete disregard and neglect of getting necessary permits, hiring workers with permits, the laws, the environment and the neighborhood. (I've mentioned this before and I want to point out again, multiple stumps were rolled/tossed down this hillside lot onto my patio, where my children play. I don't want this to be overlooked or underestimated. My children could have been seriously injured or worse. The same lot most recently had brush clearance done and left all the debris and trash on my property and it was documented by our gardener who had to clear and clean it up. There is a need for conservation, the necessity to penalize those that break the law; and those that cut down protected trees without permit. I firmly believe a reduced 2 year ban is a gross error in judgement and ask City Officials to reinstate the 4-7 year ban as directed by the law. Thank you -

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sunshine Hill Residents Association

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2024 08:36 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** SUPPORT! Sunshine Hill Residents Association is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation. Our mission includes working to protect indigenous woodlands in the Santa Monica Mountains, and ensuring the safety of life for people and other living animals. But we recognize that weak penalties and weak enforcement of the City's Protected Tree Ordinance harms our disadvantaged communities the most.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sheida Ashley

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2024 08:50 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0548

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support Councilwoman Ramen's motion! Please vote in favor.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** MICHAEL PITRUZZELLO

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2024 06:32 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** THANK YOU MS RAMAN, STAFF, AND JOHN LEE FOR SUPPORTING THE HEIGHTENED BAN ON THE ILLEGAL TREE REMOVAL AT 8461 GRANDVIEW. THIS IS AN ILLEGAL REMOVAL OF PROTECTED TREES RESULTING FROM A COORDINATED EFFORT TO DESTORY THE LAND FOR ILLEGAL BUILDING PURPOSES. NO PERMITS WERE GRANTED. THE CITY SHOULD RIGHTLY AND JUSTLY RECONSIDER INCREASING THE BAN TO 7-YEARS. THE REDUCTION TO TWO YEARS IS A GROSS ERROR IN JUDGEMENT. KINDLY REVIEW AND RECONSIDER. THANK YOU.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Krose

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2024 06:38 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Councilmember Soto-Martinez, and all Councilmembers, I urge you to support Councilmember Raman's motion to protect our trees at today's meeting, Item 20. Sincerely, Michael Krose  
Moreno Dr., L.A. 90039