

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mihran Kalaydjian

**Date Submitted:** 05/21/2024 10:04 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0548

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am the CD 3 CFAC rep speaking as an individual. Because 2 years will not really amount to any punishment, as one year has passed and it will take a year to get building paperwork done, please go back to Urban Forestry's hearing determination of 4 year of withholding permits under the PTO. We need this deterrent to insure protection for our native protected trees. The BPW was too lenient in their 3-2 decision. Follow the expertise of Urban Forestry and the Deputy City Attorneys and go back to the 4 year penalty. City Council was right to veto, as this applicant had crews still cutting his native trees, even after the BPW hearing. Deny his appeal and uphold the spirit of Raman's veto by not honoring the applicant's appeal and reinstitute the 4 year penalty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gregg Sherkin

**Date Submitted:** 05/21/2024 09:04 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0548

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our protected trees are a precious resource and we have to preserve them. Please veto reduced penalty on illegal protected tree removal at 8461 West Grand View Drive. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joanne D'Antonio

**Date Submitted:** 05/21/2024 09:12 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0548

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am the CD 2 CFAC rep speaking as an individual. Because 2 years will not really amount to any punishment, as one year has passed and it will take a year to get building paperwork done, please go back to Urban Forestry's hearing determination of 4 year of withholding permits under the PTO. We need this deterrent to insure protection for our native protected trees. The BPW was misguided and too lenient in their 3-2 decision. Follow the expertise of Urban Forestry and the Deputy City Attorneys. City Council was right to veto as this applicant is still cutting his native trees, even after the BPW hearing. Now deny his appeal and uphold the spirit of Raman's veto by reinstituting the 4 year penalty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ellen Evans

**Date Submitted:** 05/21/2024 10:23 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0548

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association area has been the site of many protected trees removed without proper permits. We are therefore in support of this motion and grateful to Councilmember Raman for bringing it. Meaningful enforcement of the protected tree ordinance should serve as a deterrent to the process of removing trees without permits and therefore without appropriate review and mitigation. Our unique ecosystem must be preseved.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Loughran  
**Date Submitted:** 05/21/2024 09:29 AM  
**Council File No:** 24-0548

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, I write as a board member of Brentwood Homeowners, authorized to speak for the board in support of this motion. Please vote in favor of this motion to uphold the letter and the intent of the Protected Tree Ordinance. Many protected trees and shrubs were knowingly and intentionally destroyed at the Grandview address with the documented knowledge of the owner and in complete violation of the PTO. There is even video evidence of this egregious act. If the City Council does not uphold the PTO by voting for this motion it will be a failure to properly censure the owner and will be a clear message to ALL other developers that our critically important trees that benefit us ALL—cleaning the air, cooler our ever hotter environment and sustaining wildlife—may be destroyed with impunity. Furthermore, we are in a city that gives lip service to environmentalism—please walk the walk and support the PTO by imposing a meaningful penalty on the owner of Grandview for his bad acts that have impacted us all. Sincerely, Emily Loughran