

Tree Removal Notification Motion – *Refers to recent policy announced by Urban Forestry Division regarding tree removal notification.*

The _____ Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services' Urban Forestry Division (UFD) amend its new notification guidelines to provide Neighborhood and Community Councils with adequate and additional time to respond to notifications of pending street tree removals.

Providing three (3) days notification of the pending removal of 1-2 street trees does not give NCs and CCs adequate time to respond. As bodies that must comply with the Brown Act, it is impossible for NCs to do our due diligence and to consider a motion in such a short time frame. Likewise, on removal of 3 or more street trees, the provision of a 30-day notice is still problematic since no background materials are available until 3 days before the BPW hearing. **We urge the UFD to adopt a 45 – day notification period for proposed removal of all street trees, and make all background/transmittal documents available online when the notice is posted,** except for removals done by the City in response to emergency damage.