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Council File No: 18-0445-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To: The Los Angeles City Council Re: Proposed South Los Angeles CPIO Amendment Project, Council File 18-0445-S1
Dear Councilmembers: The South LA Tree (SLAT) Coalition supports this motion, and recommends that the City Council approve the amendments adopted by the City Planning Commission for the South Los Angeles CPIO, Council File 20-1265. We are encouraged by the inclusion of measures requiring early site assessment and documentation of existing trees during the planning approval process. We know that to address the City's many prevailing crises and equity barriers we must leverage opportunities like this as trees impact our individual lives and the life of our City – from air quality, to energy usage, biodiversity, quality of life and so much more. We know that the early evaluation of trees during infill project development is a critical step in safeguarding the City's existing tree canopy assets and moving communities toward equitable and resilient futures. Building upon the efforts of Council Motion 15-0499-S2 and other related City efforts, we are encouraged by the City's commitment to working with applicants early in the process, in collaboration with Urban Forestry Division during initial phases of review. 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 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.



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