

## Communication from Public

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**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.