

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Remember the fallacy of false dilemma/false dichotomy/false binary? Sidewalks and street trees whose roots damage the sidewalk has become a contentious issues. But they can and should coexist for many good reasons like aesthetics, public physical and mental health, crime reduction, sponge city infrastructure, biophilia, urban ecology, urban canopy, local climate regulation, biodiversity, social and environmental justice, global climate change and pollution mitigation, just to name a few that I greatly value and passionately advocate for. The real enemy we face in this city is the car infrastructure that take up so much space, leaving little left for other modes of mobility, thus creating unproductive conflicts that distract us from the real issues caused by a culture of car-centric design and planning. For now, I recommend that you solicit federal funding to figure out a way that allows sidewalk repairs and improvements while preserving our invaluable mature shade trees. Don't be like Beverly Hills who cut down old large healthy well-established Ficus trees without seeking better alternatives or adequate public and stakeholders participation.