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Name:	Shelley Levin Billik
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Comments for Public Posting:	CFAC, the city's Community Forest Advisory Committee wholeheartedly believe that trees are invaluable assets in our communities and city's infrastructure. We support this motion but strongly recommend that the ISA valuation tool should be incorporated into calculating fines. This valuation tool has been successfully used in other cities both as a deterrent for removal of trees, and in levying fines. It is recognized as a system to come up with a financial value dependent on the species, size, and health of the trees. We have learned that BSS is planning on reviewing the tool but that process will not start for at least 9 months and urge this committee to expedite that process. We need these fines now, not in another year. Additional to the fine, BSS should have the authority to recommend to LADBS that they revoke or withhold building permits, similar to the Protected Tree Ordinance. That can happen right now. Thank you, Shelley Billik, Chair

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Name:	Aurora Corona
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Comments for Public Posting:	The Pico Union Neighborhood Council has been continuously opposing mature tree removals in our area which has some of the lowest canopy coverage. It's a shame most of the removals are for those that are "required" by developers/architect for transformers or to build a driveways. Sadly, these large canopy trees are always removed and replace by saplings or small trees. It a frustrating no-win for the environment situation. It will take a lifetime for a sapling, if it even survives, to match the shade and benefit to the ecosystem of the trees being removed. We must get the city to require developers to work around the trees rather than always approving their removal. Personally speaking, the fines should be determined by the maturity, the size of the canopy and ecosystem loss.