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Attn: Keith Mozee, General Manager Streets LA

Attn: David Miranda, Chief Urban Forester

RE: Letter of Appreciation for stump removal and dead tree removal projects.

Dear Mr. Mozee and Mr. Miranda,

It did not go unnoticed the extraordinary job the Urban Forestry Department, namely Mr. Scott Harmon and Ron Tull over the last several years to culminate last month with probably our most impressive project removing approximately 60 stumps in Porter Ranch. It was with the assistance of Mr. Tull and Mr. Harmon and CD 12 staff (Mr. Coto, Mr. Vallecilla, Mr. Rubine, Ms. Bernson and others) that made this project happen. Through collaboration with the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council, we were able to successfully work through our backlog of dead trees and stump removals so that now we are in a great position to focus on future plantings and maintenance of the existing 70 plus newly planted trees from UFD (Thanks for that as well to Mr. Ron Rubine from CD 12 and Mr. Harmon and Mr. Tyson from UFD).


Mr. Harmon has been extremely helpful over the last several years in working with our Council to get the necessary approvals back in 2019 to remove several dead trees on Tampa, also delivering a very quick response to our request for action letter on another dozen dead trees and most recently, overseeing the outstanding fantastic UFD crews who managed to take out more than 60 stumps in just 2 days, far exceeding our expectations. It was a pleasure to meet Mr. Harmon in person and share the common goals and ideas on how we can work together in getting trees planted. However, through partnerships between CD12, UFD, Neighborhood Councils and others, we are confident we can continue to be leaders in addressing our urban forestry needs. Let us all be a voice for the forest to build a strong, resilient and well maintained urban infrastructure.


The UFD handling of this most recent project was so easy because the permits were handled, dig alert was called, with the work scheduled and completed very fast with great quality. The UFD crews worked extremely hard, removing the asphalt chunks, bricks, weeds, competing trees and stumps of course leaving a tree well ready for a new tree. It is certainly much for Neighborhood Councils, as volunteers to not have

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to do all those things mentioned above and it's great to see other nearby Councils, such as Northridge West and Granada Hills North doing similar projects with UFD here in the north valley. Through this continued great work over the next fiscal year, Neighborhood Councils and the Council Office can help the City to get a handle on the tremendous amount of backlogged work from years or decades of insufficient funding for our urban forests.

Respectfully Yours,


Gabriel Khanlian, President
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Jason Hector, Treasurer and Chair
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cc: Councilman John S. Lee, Council District 12
Scott Harmon and Ron Tull, Urban Forestry Dept.