

This letter serves as a formal appeal of the tree removal at 10860 Stever Street, Culver City.

I am writing today in regards to an upcoming tree removal and 10860 Stever St. We have lived on Stever St since 2003 and are becoming more discouraged about the future of our wonderful trees. One of the largest draws for us to Stever St is the beautiful tree lined streets. We continuously receive compliments from our guests about the trees on our street. It is unique in the dense city we live in to have such wonderful greenery around. The trees provide much needed relief from the sun during the summer months and contribute to the overall value of our homes. We acknowledge the issue with roots, berries, and crows but we feel confident there is workable solutions for these problems.

We elect to have routine drain maintenance every six months. It is a quick and simple procedure and worth the semi-annual \$75 fee to keep our tree. We have been told that the city has been treating the trees and have noticed a large difference in the berries. They appear to be solid now and do not leave the mess and smell that they have in the past. The crows are a difficult situation but we have elected to use a car cover in the bad months.

There are an incredible number of benefits to having trees in Culver City. We are located within a .5 mile distance to the 405 freeway. This freeway considerably degrades our air quality, and is an overwhelming pollutant to our city. One of the main attractions of Culver City is our "urban forest" which has proven effects to clean the air. The tiny trees that are planted to replace the large majestic trees on our street are sadly growing very slowly. They do not and cannot replace a massive 60 year old tree.

It is disheartening that we have lost so many trees on our street over the last year and we appreciate the opportunity to voice our concern. It seems as if most of the trees have been removed in front of resident's homes that have been here for less than 3 years. These individuals moved in and immediately started complaining. **How do they have the ability to move in and so quickly override the rights of those that have been here for years?** We all share this street! It's also not right that notifications are only distributed to the immediate homes surrounding the subject tree. We would have voiced our opinion sooner if we were provided the opportunity and know that other neighbors on the street feel the same way.

If a change needs to be made with the trees maybe the process can be staggered. Instead of pulling out four or five trees within a six month period, maybe you can limit two per year. There has to be another solution outside of tearing trees down and ruining the environment of our street.

Please contact us to know the exact date and time of the City Council meeting when this appeal will be discussed.

Thank You

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