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THANK YOU.

MS. CONANT: ALL RIGHT. SO IF YOU DO WANT TO PROVIDE A VERBAL PUBLIC COMMENT, JUST FILL OUT A SPEAKER CARD UP FRONT. SO I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY YET.

WE HAVE ONE?

OKAY.

AS WE KINDLY GATHER THOSE, JUST TO KIND OF GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF HOW THIS IS GOING TO GO. SO YOU FILL OUT THE SPEAKER CARD. WE ARE GOING TO ALLOW FOR UP TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON TO SPEAK, AND WE DO HAVE A TRANSCRIBER HERE THAT IS TAKING DOWN WHAT YOU SAY VERBALLY HERE. SO THAT WILL BE PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, WHEN THAT IS RELEASED IN THE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR.

SO WITH THAT SAID, I WILL JUST CALL UP BARRY LEVINE, AND FOR THE TRANSCRIBER IT'S B-A-R-R-Y, LAST NAME, L-E-V-I-N-E. WE ARE GOING TO START THE TIMER AND HAVE AT IT, PLEASE.

MR. LEVINE: IF LA IS REALLY INTERESTED IN PRESERVING THE TREE CANOPY, I WOULD SUGGEST VERY STRONGLY THAT THEY STOP CUTTING DOWN MATURE TREES TO REPLACE CONCRETE SIDEWALKS WITH MORE CONCRETE. THE CONCRETE IS NOT FLEXIBLE, IT CRACKS AS YOU CAN SEE IN ALL THESE PICTURES. WE'VE BEEN USING CONCRETE FOR THE WHOLE HISTORY OF THE CITY, AND I THINK IT'S TIME FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES TO CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO COME INTO THE 21ST

1 CENTURY WITH 3D PRINTED, SEMIPERMEABLE, FLEXIBLE PLASTIC  
2 SIDEWALKS THAT CAN BE INSERTED IN SEGMENTS AND REPLACED  
3 IN SEGMENTS IF NECESSARY, BE SOMEWHAT FLEXIBLE SO THAT  
4 THEY CAN WORK AROUND THE ROOTS OF THE TREES THAT ARE  
5 HERE MATURE.

6 I LIVE IN THE SOUTH ROBERTSON COUNCIL, AND ON  
7 CADILLAC BOULEVARD LAST OCTOBER THREE TIPUANA TIPU TREES  
8 WERE REMOVED THAT WERE 80 FEET TALL AND HEALTHY BECAUSE  
9 THERE WAS AN ADA COMPLAINT AND THE SIDEWALK COULDN'T BE  
10 REPAIRED WITHOUT REMOVING THE TREES.

11 I WENT TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAID,  
12 THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A SLIPPERY SLOPE. EVERY  
13 SIDEWALK ON CADILLAC IS DAMAGED, AND THAT MEANS YOU'RE  
14 GOING TO TAKE OUT ALL THE TREES.

15 AND KEVIN JAMES LOOKED AT ME AND SAID, OH, NO,  
16 IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT ALL.

17 WELL, LAST MONTH THERE WAS A SIGN ON 18 MORE OF  
18 THOSE TREES THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE REMOVED AND THAT  
19 STILL LEAVES TWO MORE BLOCKS AND ANOTHER 18 TREES THAT  
20 THE CITY IS PROUDLY GOING TO WANT TO REMOVE. THESE ARE  
21 80 FEET TALL, THEY'RE 70 YEARS OLD, THEY'RE HEALTHY, AND  
22 THEY SHOULDN'T BE REMOVED JUST SO WE CAN REPLACE  
23 SIDEWALKS THAT NOBODY WALKS ON ANYHOW.

24 I WOULD SUGGEST WE FIND AN ALTERNATIVE THAT  
25 FITS ADA COMPLIANCE AND I'M SURE WITH THIS HUGE STAFF  
26 THAT'S EVIDENT HERE, LIKE THREE TIMES THE NUMBER OF  
27 PARTICIPANTS, THAT THE STAFF CAN COME UP WITH AN ADA  
28 COMPLIANT SIDEWALK THAT IS NOT MADE OUT OF CONCRETE,

1 THAT WOULD FLEX AND WOULD SAVE SOME OF THESE MILLIONS OF  
2 TREES THAT WE'RE LOSING IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.  
3 THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

4 MS. CONANT: THANK YOU.

5 IF ANYONE IS INSPIRED TO SPEAK, JUST FILL OUT A  
6 SPEAKER CARD. AND I WILL ALSO MENTION THERE ARE STILL  
7 SEVERAL OTHER WAYS THAT YOU CAN GET YOUR COMMENT ON THE  
8 RECORD, AND THAT INCLUDES MAIL, E-MAIL, THE WEBSITE, AND  
9 WE HAVE PROVIDED ALL THAT INFORMATION AT THE FRONT.  
10 THERE'S SOME HANDOUTS AT THE FRONT THAT HAVE WHERE YOU  
11 WOULD SEND THAT TO. YOU CAN ALSO FILL OUT YOUR SHEET  
12 HERE AT THE MEETING TONIGHT AT THE COMMENT STATION.

13 SO WITH THAT -- WE'LL WAIT A LITTLE WHILE. BUT  
14 FOR NOW, WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS.

15 AND JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE DO STILL HAVE OUR  
16 TECHNICAL EXPERTS THAT ARE OUTSIDE. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY  
17 QUESTIONS, OR JUST SOME CLARIFICATIONS THAT YOU NEED  
18 REGARDING THE PRESENTATION THAT YOU HEARD TONIGHT, YOU  
19 CAN GO SPEAK WITH THEM DIRECTLY AND I'M SURE THEY CAN  
20 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

21 SO I THINK WITH THAT WE'LL WRAP IT UP, AND HEAR  
22 -- IF WE DO HEAR ANY COMMENTS WE WILL RESUME. BUT FOR  
23 NOW, WE ARE GOING TO END THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION.

24 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

25 JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE'LL BE HERE. WE'RE  
26 SCHEDULED TO BE HERE UNTIL 8:00 O'CLOCK AND THE PUBLIC  
27 COMMENT SESSION IS FOR AS LONG AS IT'S NEEDED.

28 (WHEREUPON, THE PROCEEDINGS WERE CONCLUDED.)