

1 THANK YOU.

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

5 WE HAVE ONE?

6 OKAY.

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

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

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

28 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.)