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Dear Councilmembers,

Urban forestry is an essential component of any city's environmental program. This proposal seeks to expand our city's tree canopy. That's good policy. However, we need to create systems that preserve and expand tree services in Long Beach, not simply rely on Divide by 9 funds, generous donors, and citizen volunteers. Tree cover helps to offset carbon emissions, reduce temperatures, and provide a kinder more inviting city aesthetic. Tree canopy expansion should be part of the CAAP, which you've neglected to approve this year. Please spend more time thinking about sustainability, including urban forestry. We need it.

Regards,

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