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Dear Councilmembers:

I urge you to support the Chapter 12.30 Public Tree Management additional code provision proposed by citizens:

1. Place placards on public trees 45 days in advance of removal. TPCT agrees with 45 days after hearing the Tree Board discussion.
2. Post list of public tree removal and arborist report on the City's website as a dedicated page.
3. Provide this Information in Currents.
4. Email residents who request advance notification of public tree removal. (Auto-email)
5. Notification placard posted on trees shall include posting date, date of tree removal, City contact, phone number and email.
6. Public may raise concerns to the Director of Planning and Director may 1) postpone tree removal 2) request arborist review 3) proceed with removal.

City staff seems to be against these modest proposals to improve transparency and accountability. They are concerned about the possibility of delayed projects, possible increased costs and lack of time to carry out possible new tasks. Worrying about issues that may not even occur should not stand in the way of more accountability.

Since these are public trees, the taxpaying public has the right to be informed in advance of public tree removal so that we will have enough time to voice any questions or concerns we may have.

For the trees,
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