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I support the citizen request to include in the budget an extension of Morgan Geographics contract in order to identify all public street ROW trees in the [heat island zones](#) . The Planning Commission, PRCS/Tree Board, and citizens all recommend the retention of established trees as regards the Climate Action Plan (Agenda item 9a). These heat island ROW trees, especially, need to be protected. This is a public health and an equity issue for people living in (or needing to walk through) these areas. The heat islands are from hardscape (buildings, concrete, asphalt), and as those increase now with high-density construction with reduced setbacks and with widened sidewalks, ROW trees become even more crucial than they already were with climate change. Mandate that these established trees cannot be removed for the duration of the City Climate Emergency as identified and passed by City Council on August 15, 2022, in Resolution 494, and mandate alternative construction and narrower width to new sidewalks as needed in order to protect the health of these essential trees. Budget as needed to fully support these mandates.

I also support the citizen request to budget for a 2023 update to the Urban Canopy Study, using the same methodology as in 2017 so that the comparison is valid. Reliable information that we can agree on about the change in the canopy is important to inform policy discussion and decisions.

Thank you.

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