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# PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Green Committee General Meeting Agenda
## Thursday, January 17, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.
## Fire Station 43 – 3690 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034

*The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call

II. **INTRODUCTIONS**

**III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (10 minutes)

**IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- **a. CIS MOTION:** The Palms Neighborhood Council supports the resolution to establish a one-mile safety and health buffer around oil drilling operations in the City of Los Angeles (file 17-0447). *[see supplement for full CIS]*
- b. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** MAIA Tree Trimming Proposal (see attached)
  - i. **FUNDING MOTION:** Authorize the Green Committee and the Palms Neighborhood Council to commit up to $3,000 of quoted total of $6,700 to trim trees along Motor Avenue and National Boulevard with a neighborhood purpose grant to the Motor Avenue Improvement Association (MAIA) with the condition that other sources of funding are found to supplement. This commitment is in continuation of the partnership that the PNC undertook with MAIA for planting the trees 10 years ago, and tree trimming maintenance 4 years ago. [See supplemental document for proposal from the MAIA]
- **c. DISCUSSION:** Having a neighborhood yard sale in the future
- **d. DISCUSSION:** Planning for future potential initiatives

**V. Adjournment**

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**Resolution in support of establishing a 2500-foot human health and safety buffer around oil drilling operations in the City of Los Angeles**

Whereas Los Angeles is one of the only places in the United States where oil drilling occurs right in the middle of a densely-populated urban metropolis. Over 620,000 Angelenos live within a mile of an active oil well;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles contains over 1,000 active oil wells and 80% are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use, impacting residents, students, and workers;

Whereas neighborhood drilling threatens the health and safety of those living along the fence line of these oil wells;

Whereas oil and gas extraction sites routinely use and emit as byproducts toxic chemicals that are known carcinogens, endocrine disruptors, and are harmful to multiple organ systems. These include but are not limited to formaldehyde, hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, naphthalene, xylene, benzene and volatile organic compounds;

Whereas the primary health risk factor associated with oil and gas development within urban areas is proximity to active sites, because any toxic emission will be at its highest and most dangerous concentration at the source of pollution;

Whereas the closer you live, work, and play to an active oil well, the more severely your health and safety are threatened. Whereas living next door to neighborhood drilling means chronic headaches and migraines, frequent nosebleeds, exacerbated asthma and other respiratory illness, reproductive harm and an increased risk of cancer;

Whereas the transport, onsite storage and use of toxic and flammable chemicals in industrial facilities in close proximity to homes and other sensitive land uses also raises the risk of catastrophic accidents;

Whereas neighborhood drilling is incompatible with public health and has no place near sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, churches or daycare facilities; and studies show that a buffer of at least 2,500 feet between active oil wells and these sensitive land uses is necessary to protect community health from oil extraction;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles is a leader at the forefront of enacting policies to protect the environment and address global climate change, including the Sustainability City pLAn requiring dramatic reductions in GHG emissions with an 80% GHG reduction target by 2050;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents and can use its power over land use and oil operations to protect those residents in this instance;

The Palms Neighborhood Council resolves to call on the City of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles City Council specifically to establish a human health and safety buffer that prohibits oil drilling within one mile of sensitive land uses including homes, schools, early childhood centers, senior centers, hospitals and medical clinics, parks, etc.

The Palms Neighborhood Council resolves to submit a Community Impact Statement to Council File 17-0447 and to communicate support to our City Council member expressing support for this position.

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# One Day Tree & Landscape Inc.

## Project Proposal

For: Lee
maia@motorassociation.org
310 202-9002

Motor ave 90034

Estimate No: 5498
Date: 12/20/2018

| Description | Quantity | Rate | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| **from 10 freeway to Venice blvd on Motor Avenue | 121 | $84.38 | $10,209.98 |
| Trim 121 tipu trees located city park way, trim back from any structure, shape and removed any dead, broken or any unsafe branches,84.38 each | | | |
| Trim 1 Mexican palm located city park way | 1 | $150.00 | $150.00 |
| Trim 1 queen palm located city park way | 1 | $100.00 | $100.00 |

All trees listed above are located between 10 freeway and Venice blvd. On motor ave.
All trees will be trim with profesional personal personal and safety equipment necessary.
Haul away debris to a safe disposal center

| | |
|---|---|
| Subtotal | $10,459.98 |
| TAX 0% | $0.00 |
| Total | $10,459.98 |

**Total $10,459.98**

Comments

The undersigned hereby acknowledges all services being provided on project proposal. Payments must be paid within 7 days, failure to comply will result in 10% late fee. *Please provide 48 hours notice for cancellations or reschedule.

Cisnero's Tree Care
5939 S Olive St Los Angeles, CA 90003

# ESTIMATE
#0000032

Amount
**$6,825.00 USD**

To:
Lee
P.O. Box 341248.
Los Angeles, CA 90034 ...

Expiration Date: 01/20/2019

| Service or Product | Quantity | Price/Rate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Trimming on motor street<br>Trimming on both side of park way from Venice down to i10 freeway on motor st 105 different sizes of trees Will be a flat rate per tree total 105 Chinese flame tree will be trim and shape to the city standards total of 105 Chinese flame | 105.0 | $65.00 USD | $6,825.00 USD |
| | SUBTOTAL | | $6,825.00 USD |
| | **GRAND TOTAL** | | $6,825.00 USD |

**Notes:**
Some other smaller tree will be. Trim on both sides all Chinese flames tree will be trim from Venice all the way to I 10 freeway on motor st

**Terms & Conditions:**
Estimate covers listed services/products only and is based on the information provided to us at the time – changes or additions may increase costs. Estimate valid only until expiration date specified, unless otherwise provided.

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# *Wood Tree Service*

**Date** 8/8/18

QUOTE

**Bill To:**
Motor Avenue Improvement
Association
Palms Neighborhood Council

| | *Unit cost* | *Quantity* | *Total* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Trim 126 Trees on Motor | $50 | 134 | $6,700 |
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| **Balance Due** | | | **$6,700.00** |

***Please make check payable to Mike Wood.***

Mike Wood
2913 Sanborn Ave Venice Ca
90291

Phone: (310) 963-0584

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TREE TRIMMING REQUEST

August 8, 2018

Dear PNC:

As an integral part of the Palms and Culver City community, it is the goal of the Motor Avenue Improvement Association (MAIA) to ensure that the many needs of our residents and businesses are met.

The Motor Avenue Improvement Association (MAIA) is requesting funds for trimming 134 trees along Motor Ave and National Blvd. These trees in their current conditions cover businesses' signs, have branches that are ripped away by passing busses and trucks, interfere with pedestrian walkways and block drivers' lines of sight at several intersections. Please see the photos of examples below including the tree that was ripped our completely. In the past, the PNC has been our partner in our efforts to maintain these trees. We planted the trees together and have trimmed them.

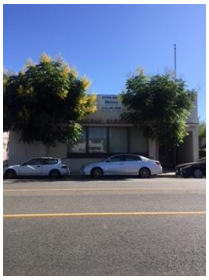
Trimming these trees will provide a much-needed public service, for which the city and PNC, acting on behalf of the city with funds from this city, should take responsibility. MAIA has reached out to the community and the members of our community have made it clear that these trees need to be trimmed. Properly maintained trees are valuable asset to the entire community, providing shaded and cool walkways, beautifying the community and bring an aspect of nature back into our densely-populated community. The trees will be trimmed by a certified arborist and in accordance with all city rules and regulations.

**We respectably request that the Council fund this request.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or clarification. You may reach me through our office at 310-202-9002, or through e-mail at MAIA@motorassociation.org

Sincerely,

Lee H. Wallach
Director
Motor Avenue Improvement Association



Tree Trimming Timeline:

Trees will be trimmed within two months of the passage of the general board motion: April 5th, 2019.