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**Subject:** 9262 W Thrush Way, 90069 - re Tree Removal Notification CRM # 1-3259337701  
**Date:** September 6, 2023 at 11:34:48 AM PDT  
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Hector,

Doheny Sunset Plaza Association strongly objects the approval of the above mentioned request for removal of protected trees for the following reasons:

#1. Per Ordinance 186873, "When replacement concerns more than two protected trees or shrubs, the permit at issue shall be considered at a full public hearing at the Board."

At least one multi-trunk Juglans Californica was cut down to its roots in August of 2022 when the owner/developer removed most of the existing trees on multiple adjacent lots that are now being reviewed by LADBS as a proposed project at 9262 Thrush Way. The attached photos were taken at that time and before we reported illegal removal of Juglans Californica to Bryan Ramirez at UFD. The existing tree that was illegally cut down can be clearly seen on the attached screenshot from Google. **The Request for Removal has to be revised bringing the total number of trees at this site to three (3) and a public hearing will have to be scheduled to approve this request.**

#2. The existing walnuts that you can see in the attached photos were multi-trunk trees. Per Ordinance 186873, "A protected tree shall only be replaced by other protected tree varieties and shall not be replaced by shrubs. A protected shrub shall only be replaced by other protected shrub varieties and shall not be replaced by trees". Following the Ordinance's intent, **the proposed replacement is inadequate and should be revised by applying the minimum mandated 4:1 ratio to each individual trunk.**

#3. California walnuts are slow growing species. All existing walnuts on this lot were well established. Per Ordinance 186873, "The size of each replacement tree shall be a 15-gallon or larger specimen". **It is insufficient to replace each removed, mature multi-trunk tree on this lot with a single-trunk, 15 gal sapling.**

#4. The lot slated for this construction is virgin. The neighbors observed various wildlife on it, similar to what was observed at 8875 Thrasher (the project reviewed by UFD) that is only 0.3 miles away. In addition to coyotes, racoons, possums, and ground squirrels a variety of birds live on the lot and its vicinity. One of the well informed, nature loving

neighbors spotted mating great horned owls on the next door lot on Magnetic Terrace earlier this year. These species are protected under the US Migratory Birds Treaty Act. **It appears that Note C in the CEQA paragraph of the Notification letter may not be applicable and that the applicant needs to provide a wildlife report from a certified specialist before any decision is made.**

We hope that our concerns will be taken into account, and that further review of this tree removal application will be performed.

Regards,  
Stella Grey  
VP, [DSPNA.org](http://DSPNA.org)

# TREE REMOVAL NOTIFICATION

8/25/2023

The Urban Forestry Division received the following permit request to remove trees at the following location(s):

**FROM:** Urban Forestry Division  
1149 S. Broadway, 4th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

**REVIEWER:** Bryan Ramirez  
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**PHONE NO:** (213) 847-3077

**REASON FOR REQUEST:** By-Right Project

**MAIL STOP:** #550

**PERMIT TYPE:** Fee Permit \$2,892.48

**SENT TO:** CD 4

**ATTENTION:** Armida Reyes/Rachel Fox Walker King/Emma Taylor/Mashaël  
**213-473-2311**  
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**SITE:** 9262 W Thrush Way  
**CRM #** 1-3259337701

**TREE REPLACEMENT SIZE:** 15 Gallon

**2023 CEQA Statutes and Guidelines Article 19 Section 15332 15332. IN-FILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Class 32 consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in this section. (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general

**CEQA:** plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.(b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.(c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.(e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services

COUNCIL DISTRICT	ADDRESS	PARKWAY SIZE	NO. OF TREES IMPACTED	TREE SPECIES PROPOSED TO BE REMOVED	ON-SITE TREE REPLACEMENT QTY.	TREE REPLACEMENT SPECIES	REASON FOR REMOVAL
CD 4	9262 W Thrush Way	N/A	2	Juglans Californica	8	Juglans Californica	Within footprint of SFR

TREE REMOVAL IS THE LAST OPTION WHEN THE ALTERNATIVES ARE NOT FEASIBLE. THEREFORE, TREES REQUIRE REMOVAL.

**TREE PLANTING GUARANTEE FEE:**

# of trees	Size of tree
N/A	24-inch box size - Planning - 4 or more units (\$2,612.00 each)
N/A	15-gallon container size - Commercial or Residential (5 units or more)- (\$1,945.00 each)
N/A	15-gallon container size - Residential - 4 units or less (\$267.00)

**FOR BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES USE ONLY**

- The above request has been reviewed and approved.
- The above request is denied.

**APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**4 attachments**



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**9262\_Thrush\_Walnuts\_IMG\_2752.PNG**  
3841K

 **9262\_thrush\_walnuts\_Google-2019\_may.pdf**  
7077K

 **9262 W Thrush Way\_tree\_removal\_Notification sheet.pdf**  
77K

Google Maps

9284 Thrush Way

The project is located on 6 contiguous lots: 9260, 9262, 9276, 9284, 9290 and 9294 Thrush



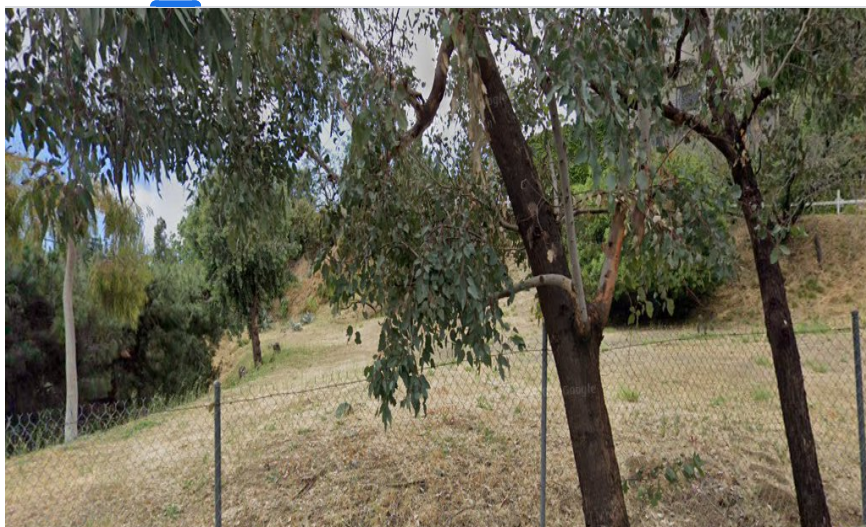
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9262 Thrush Way

All

Street View & 360°



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**9277 Thrush Way**

Los Angeles

