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To: <u>Rigo Garcia</u>

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Dear Mr. Garcia.

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent decision to remove 113 trees in our community. I believe it is crucial to consider the significant benefits that trees bring to our city.

Trees play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life for residents. They contribute to improved air quality by absorbing pollutants and releasing oxygen. Additionally, trees act as natural carbon sinks, helping combat climate change. The shade provided by trees reduces the urban heat island effect, making our neighborhoods more comfortable and energy-efficient.

Moreover, trees positively impact mental health and well-being. Green spaces with trees have been linked to reduced stress levels and improved overall community health. The removal of such a substantial number of trees could have detrimental effects on our collective well-being.

I kindly request a reconsideration of the decision to remove these trees and appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to a positive outcome that benefits both our community and the environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Isabella Lee

CC: CM; ACM; CA; Council; Original to CC; Public Binder; Department