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Honorable Mayor and Council:

I wish to register my objection to the proposed removal of all 113 street trees on Greenleaf. According to NOAA, 2023 was the hottest year on record and with the current rate of global warming, it will be worse in the coming years. Cutting these trees down in one fell swoop would be disastrous for our urban forest, not just in terms of shade, but also for the local wildlife.

The ficus trees may have been a poor choice for the damage they do to sidewalks, but there are other trees that could replace them that are fast growing, attractive and once established, drought tolerant that provide abundant shade.

I would suggest the following species:

Tipu (Tipuana tipu)  
Crape Myrtle (Lagerstroemia indica)  
Shamel Ash (Fraxinus udhei)  
Chinese Elm (Ulmus parrifolia) 'True Green'  
Hedge Maple (Acer campestre)  
Live Oak (Quercus Virginiana)

I would suggest contacting the LA County Arboretum and Moon Valley Nursery for sourcing and pricing of boxed specimen trees.

Sincerely,  
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Sent from my iPad