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Please take the City's tree survey and let your voice be heard

Our city is one of the few major cities that has not yet developed a comprehensive urban forest management plan (UFMP), which informs city departments on policies and budget priorities. With funding from a CAL FIRE grant, a newly formed UFMP Working Group and its consultant, Dudek, will be developing the framework for the Urban Forest Management Plan for the City of Los Angeles (expected by December 2018), and the NCSA has been asked to participate in its development. A key part of the process is understanding how the general public and Neighborhood Council stakeholders feel about trees in the City of Los Angeles.

Our urban canopy provides many environmental and health benefits and is an essential part of quality of life in the city. Clean air, carbon absorption/sequestration, cooling, water retention, habitat, and food are just some of the benefits that are especially critical in a changing climate. However, our urban trees are continually threatened and diminished by climate, development, and maintenance-related factors. Planting new trees, although important for our future, isn't outpacing the rate at which we are **losing our urban canopy** (<https://www.ncsa.la/trees>) on a daily basis.

We hope you will lend your voice, which will provide important direction in assessing, managing, preserving, and enhancing our urban forest. We invite and encourage you to take this **short survey** (https://www.ncsa.la/ufmp_survey), which has been

developed to inform the UFMP framework, and we ask that you share it with your network.

The survey will be open through Saturday, July 14, 2018. Please share this email and links widely.

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