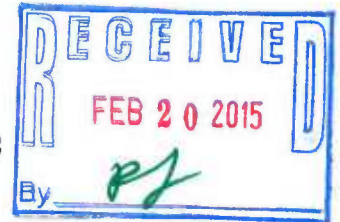


Protecting Cantura Street Historic Sycamore Trees Change.org petition.

Link to petition: <http://bit.ly/cantura>



Here's a quick screen-grab & print out from the petition.
Just 7 pages worth of the **1923 signatures and meaningful comments**
from as far off as St. Louis – to preserve and protect these trees.

This petition was delivered to:

Mayor, City of Los Angeles

Eric Garcetti

Los Angeles CD2 Councilman

Paul Krekorian, Los Angeles CD2 Councilman

Los Angeles, CD2 Planning & Land Use

Karo Torossian

See response

Pres., Studio City Residents Association

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Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services, City of Los Angeles

George Gonzalez

General Manager, LA Dept of Building and Safety

Raymond Chan

Reasons for signing

- Fiona Gould STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 4

There is no good reason for builders to chop down these magnificent trees.

- Peter Gould STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 4

These trees MAKE the neighborhood! Like they say, we've got to stop trading trees for driveways!

- Pamela Soper STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 4

The trees are part of the charm and beauty of the neighborhood but also keep the street cooler. Mature trees are a valuable part of our ecosystem and it'll take 80 years to get them back!

- Michellene DeBonis STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 3

These beautiful trees give our neighborhood its character AND keep it cool and shaded. The over building in Studio City is something we cannot control -- but the destruction of our much needed vegetation is.

- Kirstin Moser STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 3

These trees are a reason we purchased the house on Cantura. They add beauty, shade and make our neighborhood unique.

- Jonathan Wasser STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 2

It is enough that the city allows the classic home to be destroyed for cookie cutter McMansions. Destroying the trees will further destroy the reason people enjoy the neighborhood.

- christopher monger LOS ANGELES, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 2

We need more trees in L.A., not less. They take in carbon and provide shade. Trees this size are a gift from a previous generation, that we must honor, and pass on.

- Jon Gordon STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 2

I have been a homeowner on Cantura Street for over thirty years. These sycamores not only beautify our street, they save energy by providing a cooling canopy in summer, saving on air conditioning and electricity. And they make the street a pleasant stroll for neighbors, and a large number of folks who come here from nearby to walk their dogs, or simply enjoy a lovely street on which to stroll.

Our trees are over ninety years old, and within the last three years five have been cut down by developers. Why? So their double wide driveways can open up to an expanded cement parking areas where cars can be parked in front of double garages.

But these driveways can be configured and positioned so that the trees do not have to be removed and destroyed. Please consider helping us preserve the character of this beautiful and unusual street. An inviting, shady, protective, nearly century old stand of trees, planted in 1920's, should be not be wastefully sacrificed because of a lack of simple planning, that would be needed to preserve them.

The greedy developers who look only to maximize return on their investments and who are knocking down the houses in this Triangle historic residential district at an increasing

rate, could clearly not care an iota about these trees. Why should they? Their incentive is just profit.

However, now that our neighborhood has become greatly concerned and organized regarding this issue, things need to change.

Not one more elegant tree on this highly unusual street, should be sacrificed for no reason.

And developers should know that we will do whatever we can to save these cooling, beautiful shade givers. It might be in their best interest to avoid the negative publicity that will come to their companies via media exposure that we have already lined up. This could be the end, if they begin to take into consideration the residents of the neighborhood in which they build. Or just the beginning if they do not.

- Stephanie Levy ST LOUIS, MO
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 2

My husband's family have occupied a home on Cantura St. In Studio City, CA for well over 20 years. The trees lining the road give it the look of a well established neighborhood. Cutting the trees to build a bigger homes will take away all the charm these builders are hoping to cash in on! They should build slowly and carefully to avoid tree removal.

- Glenn Goveia STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 2

Those trees are what give that street its charms. Without them, it is just like any other street.

- Sheri Herman STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 2

I grew up on this street. We used to able to climb these trees. I am living in my family home which was purchased in 1944. Since these builders have found ways to get get around the Studio City RFA overlay and build homes that are too big for the lots so the least we and the city can do is save the trees from being cut down to make room for a front yard that is 2/3 driveway! Our street and area is part of the Laurel Terrace Historic Residential Area as per SurveyLA. Not one more tree should be lost to the cookie-cutter homes that are being built.

- cynthia schneider SANTA MONICA, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 2

these trees are invaluable to neighborhoods and communities. please save!

- Melissa Percy STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

Plain and simple. The trees are what make Cantura Street unique and a sought-after street to live on. It's too easy for the people building to remove a tree (or two) since they leave the driveway for last. Currently, the City allows for a tree (or two, apparently) to be removed if it is in the way of a driveway. When submitting plans to LADBS, they do not show that there are trees in the Parkway, so LADBS can not tell them to revise their driveway plans. The City has strict "Green Building" codes, yet they allow for any builder to cut down trees that have been around longer than they have, just so they can pour a concrete driveway? That makes a lot of sense.

In the most recent instance of trees getting cut down on Cantura Street for a driveway, it could have been prevented, had the driveway been placed on East side of property instead of the West. In actuality, it appears that the driveway would've fit between the two trees that were standing.

The construction/destruction is bad enough. Leave the trees alone or buy a house to demolish on another street that isn't a "tree lined" street.

- Pamela White LOS ANGELES, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

Developers have money and political power -- that's all that matters to our elected representatives. Let's all stand together for the trees!!

- steven curtis LOS ANGELES, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

We need more trees and less "development" by greedy developers only interested in making a buck.

- Bill Marsh STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

ONLY city government that is interested in a higher tax rate would allow this to happen. BUT not on their street.

- Simon Rutberg LOS ANGELES, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

Please stop the destruction of our city's unique character. It's nice to see an area that wants to hold on to it's character. Stop the card blanche policy of caving in to all developers.

- JL LOS ANGELES, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

As an L.A. Born & raised resident, my experience has been developers are getting far too many rights from our elected officials, & those of us whom they were elected to protect & serve are being bought out and/or stepped on & over for the highest bidders. Compromise

in favor of the majority of existing citizens/voters, or deny redevelopment. People before profits & corporations, please.

- Christine DiTillio STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

Preserving the character of the neighborhood is important. The beauty of this area is why we moved here in the first place. Turning it into "anywhere USA" is detrimental to the uniqueness of Studio City. Also, these trees provide cooling shade and act as air pollution filters as well as shelter for all the birds that roost in them. Turning this area into just another concrete jungle would ruin one of the main reasons people are attracted to living here. Those of us working in the film industry have been fighting hard to entice filmmakers to return jobs here. These trees are another inducement to bring work (money) back to California coffers. It would be a travesty and a tragedy to see these pieces of history fall under the carelessness of greedy construction. We need these trees to hold onto our past and give something vital to the future.

- Luanne Davis STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

I'm disgusted with the amount of "development" and raping of the land in this former lovely neighborhood. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

- Marcy Ahlstrom STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

I am so tired of these developers coming into our neighborhood and putting up monstrous homes on tiny lots. These trees not only add beauty but serve a very functional purpose to conserve energy. I say more trees less new development!

- Barbara Dixon STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

The tree are stunning and help the environment

- Pascal Behr STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

Trees make a neighborhood. Have you noticed treeless neighborhoods? They look barren and lost. Trees are good for the environment. Keep them please.

- Laura Whipp REDONDO BEACH, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

The trees are a vital part of the landscape. Mature trees should never be cut down.

- Ellen Andersen STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

I do volunteer work in this neighborhood and these trees make the neighborhood beautiful! The keep the street cool and nothing this old in this city should be destroyed except the 90 year old water pipes that have burst and wasted thousands of gallons of water!!! But NOT these 90 year old trees!!! They make this neighborhood unique!!!!

- Catherine McLeod SCOTTSDALE, AZ
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

The beauty of this street has taken almost 100 years to create. 100 years of people appreciating them and caring for them. And they in turn this street into a place "out of time" to walk through. They MUST be valued. They can't be replaced.

- Jesse MacMillan VALLEY VILLAGE, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

Trees are invaluable

- Gordon Susannah SANTA BARBARA, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

I work at a historic house museum and gardens in Montecito. Preservation of our historic, cultural landscapes is critical in terms of maintaining the character of a community. When old growth trees are eradicated from a neighborhood, there needs to be a process, not just random guerilla action, and enormous fines for developers that circumnavigate the city's approval process. There needs to be an environmental plan drawn up and approved by the city planners with a specific step-by-step procedure to follow.

The entire character of the neighborhood is forever & Inexorably changed when renegade developers remove these historical landscapes, bearing enormous cultural significance. These trees are irreplaceable!

- Mikayel Israyelyan LOS ANGELES, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

These are trees that took 80 year to grow and they part of our life's.

- Debby Jay VALLEY VILLAGE, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

I used to live on Mound View in Studio City and think that neighborhood and the greenery are vital to our city. We need trees to make the stresses of city life more bearable. And trees reduce the need for so much air conditioning.

- doris satin STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

preserving the beauty of the street

- Kate Fuglei STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

The cathedral-like feeling of walking down Cantura Street, with its beautiful mature sycamore trees cannot be matched. It is a unique and treasured part of our neighborhood. Our neighborhood is experiencing significant change with rampant construction on nearly every street of this lovely community. I understand that change is sometimes necessary. I accept this. However there is absolutely no good reason why these stately and remarkable trees need to be cut down. I support this petition whole-heartedly and urge the community to stand together with neighbors and leaders to take a stand against cutting down any more of the trees.

- gordon wolf STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

Grew up in Studio City. Wish the money hungry developers would leave it alone.

- larry bloustein STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

please preserve this beautiful street!

- Michael Ecnomou STUDIO CITY, CA
 - 6 months ago
 - Liked 1

When I first saw these magnificent trees crowning the little quaint street I felt immediately that I wanted to live here.

More Reasons