



CITY OF SACRAMENTO

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Self-Help Street Tree Programs

SUMMARY

This report provides descriptions of two proposed Self-Help Street Tree Programs which do not require additional funding. These programs can be initiated when an Arborist vacancy is filled in Spring of 1986. It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee approve these proposals and forward this report to the City Council for approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City Tree Services receives approximately 30,000 requests for street tree maintenance each year. Approximately 16,000 to 17,000 of these requests are identified as emergency problems and are corrected by the Parks Division in a timely manner. Further, Tree Services annually plants between 1,000 to 3,000 trees and injects 5,000 trees for insect control. In an effort to provide additional street tree maintenance, requested by the public and deemed desirable by the City, the Department of Parks and Community Services proposes to initiate two Self-Help Street Tree Programs which are explained on the following attachments.

Attachment "A" describes the Neighborhood Self-Help Street Tree Program. This program allows citizens to enter into and pay for a street tree maintenance contract. The tree contractor's performance shall be supervised by the City Arborist to insure the quality of work.

Attachment "B" is a "Neighborhood Self-Help Street Tree Program" brochure. The brochure would be:

1. Provided to citizens whose request for tree work must be denied due to other higher priorities.
2. Distributed at neighborhood meetings, Tree Foundation events, and other appropriate activities.
3. Placed in utility billings.
4. Given to citizens interested in promoting self-help trimming in their own neighborhood.

Attachment "C" describes the technical assistance in developing the "Neighborhood Tree Specialist Program." This proposed program will be patterned after an existing U. S. Extension program. The program provides tree specialists for specific neighborhoods. These specialists will assist citizens with their tree problems and concerns. They would serve as liaison between citizens and Sacramento Tree Services, explaining options of City provided tree services or self-help contracted tree services. The implementation of this program will take place in 1986, after the new Arborist is hired.

Attachment "D" is the "Neighborhood Tree Specialist Program" brochure. The brochure would be:

1. Distributed to citizens on an individual basis as well as at neighborhood meetings, Tree Foundation events, and other appropriate activities.
2. Placed in utility billings.

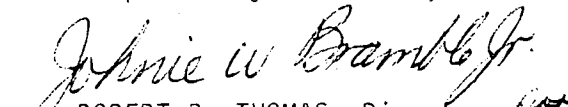
FINANCIAL DATA

No budgetary adjustment is needed. The Arborist position is provided for in the 1985-86 Tree Services budget. Funds to print the brochures are available in the 1985-86 budget.

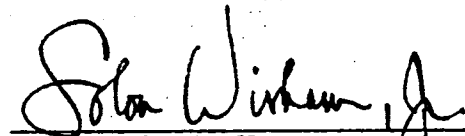
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee approve this report for referral to the full City Council for final action. Further, it is recommended that the City Council approve by resolution, the establishment of the Neighborhood Self-Help Street Tree Program and the Neighborhood Tree Specialist Program.

Respectfully submitted,


ROBERT P. THOMAS, Director *for*
Parks and Community Services

Recommendation approved:



SOLON WISHAM, JR.
Assistant City Manager

May 13, 1986
All Districts

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TWO SELF-HELP STREETTREE PROGRAMS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the Department of Parks and Community Services, Parks Division is hereby authorized to establish the Neighborhood Self-Help Street Tree Program and the Neighborhood Tree Specialist Program.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

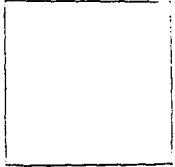
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ATTACHMENT A

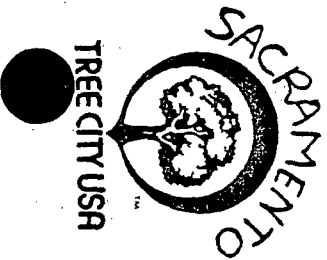
NEIGHBORHOOD SELF-HELP STREET TREE PROGRAM

The "Neighborhood Self-Help Street Tree Program" will supplement City Tree Services by encouraging additional privately funded maintenance of street trees. Interested citizens will meet with the City Arborist and identify desired street tree maintenance. The City will recommend reputable contractors and provide a sample contract. Once the citizens have entered into a contract, the City Arborist will supervise the contractor's work performance. Each resident will pay for work done on street trees adjacent to his/her property.

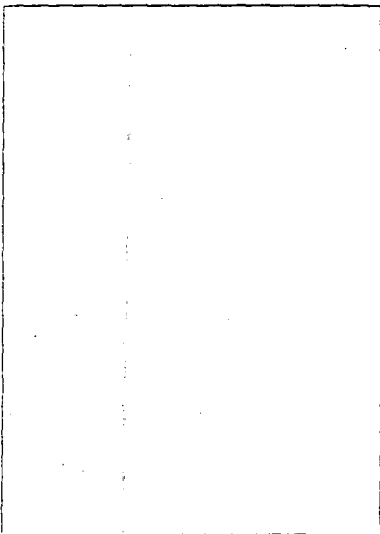
In general, these contracts will encompass tree maintenance that the City is unable to provide. The City anticipates this work to include deadwood removal, mistletoe removal, general ornamental pruning, insect/disease control, and other non-emergency street tree work.



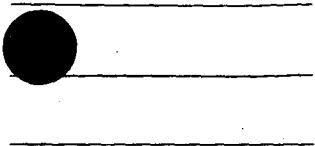
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Attachment B



**NEIGHBORHOOD
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**NEIGHBORHOOD
SELF-HELP
STREET TREE PROGRAM**

The City of Sacramento Tree Services provide for the care and nurturing of city street trees. The main goal is to provide the necessary care to keep Sacramento's urban forest healthy and viable. In conjunction with this goal, the City has initiated the "Neighborhood Self-Help Street Tree Program": an opportunity for neighborhood residents to pool their resources and provide additional desired maintenance for their street trees, aided by the technical expertise of the City Arborist.

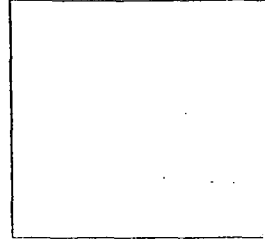
This program will allow citizens and the City Arborist to meet and identify desired street tree maintenance. The city will recommend reputable tree service contractors and provide a sample contract for the citizens. Once the citizen(s) have entered into a contract, the City Arborist will supervise the contractor's work performance and offer advice accordingly. Each individual resident will pay for the work done on the street tree(s) adjacent to his/her property.

The City anticipates that these contracts will include:

- General ornamental pruning
- Deadwood removal
- Mistletoe removal
- Additional insect/disease control
- Other non-emergency street tree work

This program will provide:

- An opportunity for neighborhood residents to beautify their street trees
- Additional support to City Tree Services
- A healthier tree population in Sacramento



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Dear City Arborist:

Date _____

Yes, I would like to join the Neighborhood Self-Help Tree Program in order for my street trees to be included in the maintenance program.

Property Owner's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Resident's Name(s) (if different from above) _____

Phone Number _____

Please mail this form within 30 days of _____ in order for your street trees to be included in the program.

Signature _____

ATTACHMENT C

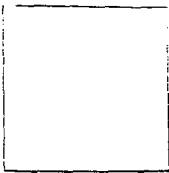
NEIGHBORHOOD TREE SPECIALIST PROGRAM

The City of Sacramento is offering a "Neighborhood Tree Specialist Program" as a continuing effort in maintaining this City's fine street tree heritage.

The City Tree Services will train volunteers in the technical aspects of tree maintenance, taught both formally and accompanied by actual field work.

Training will include the following areas: planting, pruning, mistletoe removal, pest control, species selection and general tree maintenance.

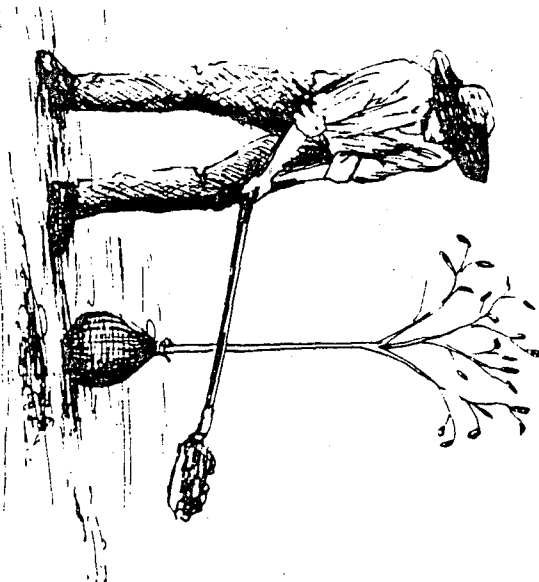
Neighborhood tree specialists will monitor and assist citizens in localized geographic areas within the City.



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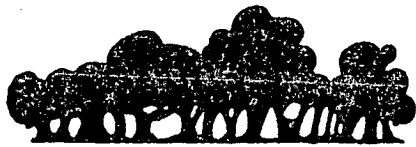
Attachment D



**NEIGHBORHOOD
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PROGRAM**

Are you interested in becoming part of an active support group for Sacramento's street trees?

In continuing this City's fine street tree heritage, the City of Sacramento has initiated the "Neighborhood Tree Specialist Program." This volunteer support group offers opportunities for interested individuals to become "Neighborhood Tree Specialists." These specialists will share their knowledge of trees and proper tree care with their neighbors. Support group members will meet periodically with the City Arborist for educational sessions, field trips, and special events.

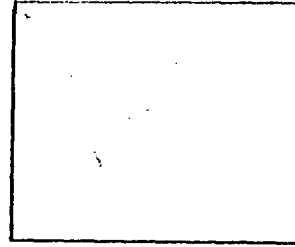


Volunteers will be trained by the City Arborist. Technical training will be offered along with "hands-on" field experience. Training will include:

- General tree maintenance
- Pruning
- Planting
- Pest control
- Species selection

Each Neighborhood Tree Specialist will be assigned to a specific geographic area within the city. He/she will offer technical advice regarding trees to inquiring citizens and serve as liaison between the support group and City Tree Services.

If you are interested in becoming a Neighborhood Tree Specialist, please complete and mail the attached application. For more information, call the City Arborist at 449-5304.



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Dear City Arborist:

Yes, I want to volunteer for the Neighborhood Tree Specialist Program

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Zip Code _____