

Urban Forest Advisory Committee
September 26, 2019 Thursday 5:30 p.m.

#3 MOU with City and NCTD regarding Railroad Right of Way in Leucadia,
Maintenance and Removal of Blue Gums

- (1) I honestly think the "Blue Gums" deserve to be followed by the word TREES - let's make it very clear what is being destroyed and lost forever in Leucadia!
- (2) This wholesale destruction of these beautiful Eucalyptus trees, which have been long woven into the fabric of the Community Character of Leucadia, is all to do with the "Streetscape Project" - variously referred to by citizens as the "Street Scam".
- (3) This "project" is being done to benefit approximately 400 bicyclists in our City. And, of course, all other bicyclists up and down the Coast who want to be able to ride in a group of 3 and 4 abreast!
- (4) This "Streetscape" is costing us, the taxpayers, an estimated \$50 million dollars. For What? For Whom? The project will eliminate lanes and leave only one Northbound and one Southbound lane on this oft travelled Highway 101. It will include 4 Roundabouts which will necessitate even more trees being cut down.

Are bicyclists who primarily ride and use this road on weekends worth the loss of these beautiful, large historic trees and the Green House Gases they will no longer consume?

- (5) Its a little hard to comprehend a balance of any kind between the loss of these trees with our claim as a "Tree City USA" and our goals for Climate Change in cutting Green House Gases. Don't you think?

I'm asking this UFAC group to REFUSE to vote to sanction the wholesale destruction of these trees.

Let the blame fall where it belongs - on the City Council! This whole project is their idea and goal, not the majority of residents of this Community.

BTW, there are many more trees that this Streetscape with roundabouts will necessitate being ripped out of Leucadia - proposed to be replaced by pithy trees that will never reach the magnificence of our current trees.

PLEASE DO NOT VOTE TO SUPPORT THESE TREES BEING CUT
- DENY TO SUPPORT THIS MOU BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL
AND NCTD. As a Committee, you have the Right of Refusal!

DO NOT BE USED AND RUBBER STAMP A WRONG - IT WON'T
EVER MAKE IT RIGHT!

Submitted for the Record,

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