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I am in favor of extending Title 11, in favor of incentivizing the preservation of significant trees. I am in favor of keeping the large trees we have and preventing loss of these old trees, these grandparents and especially so during development when cutting down a large tree may seem like a short-term win to a developer to create space for their new vision.

These large trees provide habitat for our prey birds, wind breaks, entertainment when the boughs dance, soundscape for the rustling of leaves and the backdrop for bird song. They provide backdrops for our own imaginations.

These large trees offer our eyes something to focus on when we gaze off at the horizon; they ground our thoughts and selves. We need to keep them where we can afford to do so safely. And we should make sure that it is more affordable to keep them than to start over with saplings.

The best time to plant a tree is 30 years ago, as the wise saying goes. The gist of that saying is that time is already against us and we are behind in our planting of trees. That mature trees have great value.

Each year a tree grows, there is a chance for it to be lost to storm, reckless driver, disease, or land change. Trees less than 30years are more prevalent in a busy city because change happens! This makes our older trees a statistical anomaly.

I hope these granddaddy statistical anomalies are revered and protected wherever possible. And incentivizing this philosophy is critical to that success.

Thanks for your attention,
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