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I'm just weighing in on the proposed title 11 changes. As an arborist in this city, I'm dismayed at how easy it is to remove large trees but caution against going all the way in the other direction. Unhealthy large trees are expensive to remove. Attaching an inch for inch replanting or mitigation will either make people wait even longer to remove them, putting arborists at risk, or create ridiculously overplanted yards. Please use science to decide how to treat these trees. Any Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ) Arborist knows how to quantitatively represent health and vigor of trees as well as likelihood of failure. Completely healthy trees should have a higher mitigation value than sick rotten old trees.

Thank you

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