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Motion RFA in support of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) plan to **begin the removal process of the invasive non-native Mexican Fan Palms located on the Zev Yaroslavsky Greenway** in Studio City.

Regarding the MRCA Governing Board Meeting held Wednesday, September 2, 2026 item VI (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract for the Zev Yaroslavsky LA River Greenway Tree Trimming and Removal project, City of Los Angeles. Item VI(d) Staff Report 8-2-26 and Item VI(d) Res # 26-125 the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Raman CD4 join us in support of the MRCA's plan to perform a phased removal of the invasive palms which will promote the growth of native riparian tree species planted as part of the river restoration started in 2016, and ongoing species introduction, establishment and management currently performed by TreePeople. Furthermore, these invasives are located in very high Fire Hazard Severity Zone. When towering palms catch fire, they cast flaming debris across wide distances, accelerating the spread of urban wildfires. Additionally, the palms drop large amounts of fronds that crush and damage the native understory plantings and pose a danger to people enjoying the nature trail below and the adjacent high school athletic complex. MRCA is putting this well planned and thought-out project out for bids after rejecting the initial bid which was the only one received. Please read the link to the MRCA agenda referenced above for complete details.

LINK https://mrca.civicweb.net/document/151382/?printPdf=true

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