February 8, 2019

Phillip 66 Los Angeles Refinery
Attn: Janet Grothe, Public Affairs Manager
1660 W. Anaheim Street
Wilmington, CA 90744

Dear Ms. Grothe,

We are writing regarding the trees located on your property inside the fence line along N. Gaffey St. (between Westmont Ave. and Anaheim St.) that are currently dead or dying. Over 1,000 trees were planted a number of years ago at the request of the San Pedro Homeowners United and resulted in an aesthetic upgrade consistent with the Trees for a Green LA initiative. Trees and other living plants are valuable. They beautify our surroundings, purify our air, act as sound barriers, manufacture precious oxygen, and help us save energy through their cooling shade in summer and their wind reduction in winter.

Unfortunately, many of the trees have died and the many of the remaining trees now exist in various forms of neglect - quite possibly from lack of irrigation. Although these trees are drought tolerant, it is critical to attend to them while young, to allow them to mature and fully realize their beneficial drought tolerant properties.

As a good will gesture to the neighboring community and enduring asset to the company it would be very much appreciated if you would re-visit the original initiative and evaluate the current condition of these trees with a commitment to replace or rejuvenate them. We would suggest that you use trees identified in the San Pedro Urban Greening Plan. These trees were selected by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps and the community for their viability in our community. They are drought tolerant and most are native to the area. The recommended plants and trees are listed in Appendices A and B to the plan and can be found at the following link: https://agreensanpedro.com/appendices.

There are several opportunities available to obtain trees at no cost to you. For example, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps is looking for places to plant large stature trees in San Pedro. They will even do the planting for you, as long as the Refinery is willing to maintain them.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to the restoration of the green canopy.

Sincerely,

Ray Regalado, President
On behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council