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To: City of London, Mayor
Subject:

Dear Mayor Brown,

The City of London recently passed its first ever Urban Forestry Strategy with the goal of protecting more and planting more trees. Sadly, this important 20 year plan is sitting on the shelf with no money in this year's City Budget to even start some of the small steps forward. With no money in the budget, no progress is made.

We need to at least get started doing the plan. We need to do it now.

5 Reasons Why the Budget needs to include the Urban Forest Strategy

1. Every year we don't act means more trees are lost and fewer are planted.
2. Big trees take a long time to grow so we can't keep delaying.
3. Green healthy cities attract business and improve our quality of life.
4. We are the Forest City. We need to act like it.
5. Important first steps would only cost \$2.48 per household.

I value trees and we need to support the Urban Forest Strategy in this budget cycle. No more waiting.

Sincerely,

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