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TREESAVER ACTIVISTS TO HOLD "GUARDED VICTORY" PRESS CONFERENCE AND VIGIL OCTOBER 8 AFTER AVERTING A SANTA MONICA CHAINSAW TREE MASSACRE...FOR NOW

Santa Monica, CA – Environmental activists with the recently-formed group, Treesavers, will hold a **"Guarded Victory" press conference and vigil** on Monday, October 8, after their lawsuit stopped the City of Santa Monica – for now – from starting that days' planned destruction, composting, and unnecessary relocation of more than 50 Ficus trees along Second and Fourth Streets in the Santa Monica Downtown District. How activists plan to stop what they are now calling the still-threatened "Santa Monica Chainsaw Tree Massacre" will be addressed by activist speakers and community leaders involved with legal, political, and non-violent tree defense approaches to averting the City's misguided plans. The press conference and vigil will begin **10:00 AM** in front of the **First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica**, located at **1220 Second Street**, just south of Wilshire Boulevard, where the first of the threatened trees were slated to be destroyed.

A short walking tour of the tree-threatened area will take place following the press conference and before the vigil.

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