

BUDGET & FINANCE

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles is projected to be in a structural deficit that will be addressed through cuts to departmental and capital budgets at least through the year 2028. At the same time, the City is paying out record amounts of liabilities due to claims involving unmaintained infrastructure such as sidewalks, tree upkeep, and street lights. In order to make the most informed financial decisions for the City, there must be a review of investment into preventative measures for these liabilities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the City Attorney, the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) and Bureau of Engineering (BOE), to report back in 30 days with the following:

- The total amount of liability payouts made for claims related to broken sidewalks by Fiscal Year starting in 2019-20 in comparison to the funds budgeted and expended for sidewalk repair per each Fiscal Year;
- The total amount of liability payouts made for claims related to faulty tree upkeep by Fiscal Year starting in 2019-20 in comparison to the amount budgeted and expended for tree trimming per each Fiscal Year.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the City Attorney and the the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL), to report back in 30 days with the amount of liability payouts made for claims related to faulty or broken street light infrastructure by Fiscal Year starting in 2019-20 in comparison to the amount budgeted and expended for street light repair done by BSL per each fiscal year.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report back in 30 days with information on effectiveness of outside counsel to support in limiting liability payouts, including information on how often going through litigation leads to lowered damages, as well as how often and by how much outside counsel leads to lowered settlement payments.

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