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Preliminary assessments indicate that the Palisades Fire destroyed nearly 7,000 structures and damaged hundreds more. The environmental impacts have been profound. This includes asbestos and lead that were released from the Palisades' older housing stock as it burned, in addition to cobalt, aluminum and nickel expelled from lithium ion batteries. The extent of the environmental risks led the LA County Department of Public Health to issue a warning relative to the amount of toxic substances contained in the burnt debris and ash.

To address these risks, the debris removal process is underway across the Pacific Palisades to remove hazardous materials and debris from structures that burned in the Palisades Fire. While this is a critical step in making the Palisades safe for rebuilding, it does not fully cover the work that needs to be done to identify and mitigate all potential hazards. Parkways, medians, and city facilities, including parks and recreation centers, must undergo soil testing and remediation so that Palisadians and the public can have peace of mind and assurances when returning to these cherished public spaces.

The Bureau of Engineering's Geotechnical Engineering Division has an on-call soil testing consultant that should be utilized in coordination with other impacted departments to prepare a work plan to test and, when necessary, remediate impacted soil on the public right of way and at city parks and other property across the Palisades.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering, in coordination with the Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Street Services, the General Services Department, Recreation and Parks and other departments as needed, to report to Council in 30 days with a work plan to test and remediate the soil at park property, parkways and medians in the burn zone in the Pacific Palisades.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Bureau of Engineering, to identify funding sources for the soil study and report to Council in 30 days relative to its eligibility for reimbursement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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