

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to increasing the urban canopy.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (de León – Yaroslavsky):

1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services (BSS), in coordination with the Bureau of Street Lighting, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Los Angeles Department of Transportation, to report on all state and city laws, policies, and procedures currently in place that limit the size, location, and species of tree planting in the public right of way. The aforementioned report should clearly stipulate what is required by state and/or federal law and what is city policy that goes beyond state or federal standards.
2. INSTRUCT the BSS to report with tree planting and spacing modifications, design solutions that can prevent trees from damaging underground infrastructure, as well as tree pruning guidelines, that can increase the amount and size of trees that can be planted on public right of way.
3. INSTRUCT the BSS, in coordination with the BOE and Department of City Planning, to report on updating all relevant street standards to increase the minimum box size required for tree planting for streets with wider sidewalks in order to maximize tree canopy.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

## SUMMARY

At the meeting held on October 23, 2024, your Public Works Committee considered a Motion (de León – Yaroslavsky) relative to increasing the urban canopy.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE	YES
BLUMENFIELD	YES
PADILLA	ABSENT

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