

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: [My comments are my own, and are not associated with any current or future collective opinion of the Neighborhood Council of which I am a Board Member] This would be a fantastic opportunity to also include leaf blowers, lawn mowers, and other low to medium powered devices requiring 2-stroke or 4-stroke combustion engines to see a path towards all-electric operation. At this current moment, electric-powered leaf blowers are not nearly as powerful, nor as operationally lasting from property to property, as those with combustion engines. Henceforth, electric options for professional gardeners and landscapers whose profit margins are dependent upon the number of properties per day they can service are severely limited. If the City of Los Angeles, partnered with the State of California, sought the leaders of modern electric battery and electric motor vehicles (such as, but not limited to, Tesla) to develop a system of battery-operated landscape maintenance devices equal or more powerful than their 2 and 4-stroke combustion counterparts; and if the City of Los Angeles, partnered with the State of California, sought to subsidize the cost of these devices to professional landscapers and gardeners for the purpose of financial and operational ease of transition; and if the City of Los Angeles, partnered with the State of California, had in place a robust troubleshooting section where faulty devices can be swapped to minimize loss of work; this would greatly reduce carbon emissions, noise pollution, and assist with minimizing the cost of doing business for the landscapers, considering the escalating price of fuels and the more complex mechanisms, and subsequent servicing, of an internal combustion engine. The transition process can begin with a pilot program consisting of several dozen professional landscapers and gardeners, and feedback from this program, along with input from civil organizations and the public, can address issues readily and cost-effectively. Los Angeles, in the past, has been a leader in technological innovation and forward thought. It's time for use to reclaim that proverbial mantle.