

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles has a large number of medians in the public right of way that are or could be landscaped. These landscaped medians provide important environmental and beautification benefits to neighborhoods, and are often a source of community pride. The unmaintained medians have the potential to provide similar benefits.

Unfortunately, the City historically has not devoted sufficient resources to properly maintain existing landscaped medians, much less make improvements to other medians. Currently, the City generally will not permit new landscaping on medians without a third-party commitment to on-going watering and maintenance. Because entities with the ability and interest to sponsor median landscaping are underrepresented in disadvantaged communities, our current policies are inequitable.

The recently-enacted federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and additional State spending made possibly by recent budget surpluses may provide opportunities to increase City spending on median maintenance. But irrespective of the available of outside funding, the City should ensure that it devotes sufficient resources to provide all communities with a well-maintained public right of way.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to report on the City's inventory of medians and median condition, the additional resources that would be needed to make necessary repairs and improvements to and to adequately maintain improved medians, and on the Bureau's plans and needed resources to design, install, and maintain improvements for unimproved medians throughout the City, incorporating environmentally sustainable components.

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