

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to preparing a report with recommendations on ongoing tree and biodiversity planning, strategies and/or efforts to protect and grow the City's urban canopy; provide recommendations to require the placement of trees, and timing of any tree removals, at an earlier phase in the land use/environmental review, and permitting review process, and thereby maximize City efforts to grow tree canopy coverage; and, to prepare and present an Ordinance to effectuate these directives.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Harris-Dawson – Blumenfield):

1. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning (DCP), the Department of Building and Safety, the Bureau of Street Services, the City's Community Forest Advisory Committee, and the Board of Public Works Forest Office, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to: (1) prepare a report with recommendations relative to ongoing tree and biodiversity planning, strategies and/or efforts to protect and grow the City's urban canopy, as instructed by the Council on August 12, 2020 (Council file No. 15-0499-S1); and (2) provide recommendations to require the placement of trees, and timing of any tree removals, at an earlier phase in the land use/environmental review, and permitting review process, and thereby maximize City efforts to grow tree canopy coverage; and (3) prepare and present an ordinance to effectuate these directives.
2. INSTRUCT DCP to report in 30 days.
3. INSTRUCT DCP to propose an equity strategy or plan on how to improve tree canopy in Council Districts with very low tree canopy coverage per Council file No. 15-0499-S1.
4. INSTRUCT DCP to report on security and lighting.
5. INSTRUCT DCP to report on roots and impacts on sidewalks.

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

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: Pico Union Neighborhood Council
United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council

Summary:

At a special meeting held on May 10, 2022, the PLUM Committee considered Motion (Harris-Dawson – Blumenfield) relative to preparing a report with recommendations on ongoing tree and biodiversity planning, strategies and/or efforts to protect and grow the City's urban canopy; provide recommendations to require the placement of trees, and timing of any tree removals, at an earlier phase in the land use/environmental review, and permitting review process, and thereby maximize City efforts to grow tree canopy coverage; and, to prepare and present an Ordinance to effectuate these directives. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended approval of the recommendation contained in the Motion, as amended to include additional recommendations. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LEE:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

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