

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to conducting a comprehensive review of street tree issues and concerns.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Buscaino – O-Farrell):

DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the cooperation and assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), the Department of Public Works and the City Attorney, to undertake a comprehensive review and to report relative to:

- a. The various City street tree issues and concerns, including but not limited to, motions currently pending before the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee.
- b. The authority of, and the resources needed by the Bureau of Street Lighting to trim trees that block street lights and create areas of darkness that attract criminal activity such as human trafficking and prostitution.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

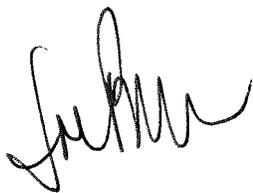
SUMMARY

On October 16, 2015, Council considered Motion (Buscaino – O-Farrell) relative to conducting a comprehensive review of street tree issues and concerns. Motion states that the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee has pending motions relative to street trees, tree trimming, the Urban Forest and best tree management practices. These interrelated motions combined with the forth coming citywide sidewalk repair program has increased legislative focus on the relationship between the Urban Forest and quality of life issues for our communities and neighborhoods. Given the number of tree related motions pending before the Committee, Motion movers believe that there is a need for City staff to comprehensively review and report on pending street tree issues and concerns. According to the movers of this Motion, a single reporting document, with a set of linked recommendations, could provide the framework for productive policy formation and best practices relative to the preservation and enhancement of the City's Urban Forest. Council referred Motion to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held October 26, 2015, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee discussed this matter with a representative of the CAO. The CAO has already initiated its review of the subject motions pending before the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee. The report will also include an analysis of the use of City forces or contractors to trim the City's street trees. Committee members recommended that Council approve Motion, as amended to include the authority of, and the resources needed by the Bureau of Street Lighting to trim trees that block street lights and create areas of darkness that attract criminal activity such as human trafficking and prostitution.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
PRICE:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
RYU:	YES

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