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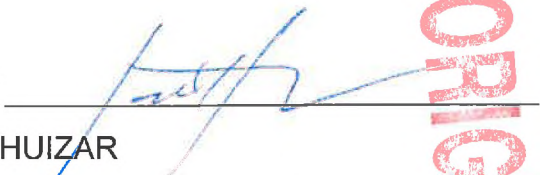
The South Park neighborhood of Downtown is currently experiencing tremendous growth and development. With this development comes the need for developers to upgrade their streetscapes to comply with current city policies. Often times, conditions are placed upon developers without prior consultation with the Urban Forestry Division. This creates a misalignment in the image and brand of a neighborhood as it relates to consistent and complementary foliage and tree selection.


In a recent workshop with city department leaders hosted by Council District 14 and the Department of Transportation, City departments came together to discuss policy solutions that address the following key attributes that are needed to continue to progress Downtown forward and link together ongoing projects:

- Access and linkages that improve Downtown streets
- Access and linkages that improve the pedestrian experience
- Uses and activities that enliven public space
- Alignment of Downtown's image and brand
- Activation of commerce that promotes sociability

This city workshop and planning process resulted in the development of a number of policy solutions that are part of Councilmember Huizar's new initiative called DTLA Forward. The goal of DTLA Forward is to create a more thoughtful strategic planning process for Downtown development moving forward, linking together key private development, public infrastructure projects and transportation initiatives. This includes aligning Downtown's image and brand as it relates to consistent and complementary foliage and tree selection.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Division be instructed to work with the Department of City Planning and the South Park Business Improvement District to develop a street tree palette and guidelines for tree removal and replacement in the South Park neighborhood of Downtown Los Angeles.

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