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For Tues, 3/20/18

MOTION

On June 30, 2015, Council approved recommendations supporting development of a state-of-the-art Major League Soccer (MLS) stadium for the Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC) in the City of Los Angeles (the Project) (CF 15-0613). The Project is now under construction and is located in Exposition Park in South Los Angeles on the site of the former Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena. The Project involves the construction of a new 22,000-seat soccer stadium, and related ancillary improvements and facilities with uses totaling approximately 641,000 square feet. The Project is scheduled to open on April 16, 2018.

As part of the Project, LAFC has applied for a street tree removal permit from the Department of Public Works for the removal of 10 Mexican Fan Palms (*Washingtonia robusta*) along the Project's Figueroa Street frontage between Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Exposition Park Drive. As part of the street tree removal permit, LAFC is proposing new street trees at a 3:1 ratio with 20 new trees planted along Figueroa Street in front of the Project and another 10 planted in identified locations in the surrounding community. LAFC's proposal substantially exceeds the Bureau of Street Services (Urban Forestry Division) requirements for street tree replacements. The Board of Public Works will consider LAFC's street tree removal request at its March 12, 2018 meeting.

If the Board of Public Works chooses to approve the requested street tree removals, LAFC must implement the streetscape improvements for the Project's opening, without any further delay. Accordingly, in the event that the Board of Public Works approves LAFC's request for a street tree removal permit and to ensure that the action becomes final as soon as possible, this motion is proposed to waive Council review of the Board's decision.

I THEREFORE MOVE that pursuant to **Section 245(b)** of the Los Angeles City Charter, the Council hereby RESOLVE to waive review of the anticipated March 12, 2018 action of the Board of Public Works to approve the request of the Los Angeles Football Club for a street tree removal permit for 10 Mexican Fan Palms (*Washingtonia robusta*) along Figueroa Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Exposition Park.

PRESENTED BY:


CURREN D. PRICE, Jr.
Councilmember, Ninth District

SECONDED BY:



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