

## Communication from Public

**Name:** South LA Tree Coalition

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**Council File No:** 22-1178

**Comments for Public Posting:** To: The Los Angeles City Council Re: Gray Water Reuse System for Large Development and City Right-of-Way Trees Motion, Council File 22-1178 Dear Councilmembers: The South LA Tree (SLAT) Coalition supports this motion to conduct a report back studying a potential gray water reuse system for the City. As the region continues to face unprecedented levels of drought and anticipates further demands on its resources due to climate change, the SLAT Coalition supports the study and development of sustainable systems to meet the needs of communities and natural resources, including trees. The SLAT Coalition supports efforts to improve the City's tree watering practices through long-term and sustainable methods that allow for the growth and retention of the tree canopy City-wide, and as anchored by advanced best practices for the watering and irrigation of trees in the City right-of-way. In this study we urge the City to explore strategies for irrigating all City trees, including the use of 100% recycled water, and recommend deepened collaboration between the Department of Water and Power (DWP), Urban Forestry Division (UFD), and other community and industry partners. We thank you for your consideration, Robin Gilliam & Theresa Maysonet South LA Tree (SLAT) Coalition  
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