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The City of Los Angeles is preparing to host a series of major global sporting events—including the 2026 FIFA World Cup, 2027 Super Bowl, and 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games—which will bring millions of residents and visitors, including people with disabilities, to enjoy outdoor and public spaces during periods of increasingly frequent and dangerous extreme heat.

Without adequate access to shade and hydration, the health, safety, and comfort of our residents and visitors will be at significant risk, particularly in high-exposure locations such as transit stops, public gathering areas, pedestrian corridors, and event queues.

Extreme heat is already the deadliest climate-related hazard in Los Angeles, and in response, the City has initiated major policy efforts including the development of a Climate Action & Adaptation Plan, Climate Vulnerability Assessment, and a Citywide Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). Prior Council actions including Council File (C.F.) 15-0499-S2, C.F. 23-0167 and C.F. 24-1228 have emphasized the need for expanded urban forestry, improved shade infrastructure, and broader climate resilience strategies.

On July 16, 2025, the ShadeLA campaign launched as a regional, multi-sector initiative coordinated by the University of Southern California (USC), in collaboration with the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Luskin Center for Innovation, and the participation of the County of Los Angeles, LA Metro, the Organizing Committee for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LA28) and a wide network of community-based organizations and nonprofits.

ShadeLA seeks to accelerate deployment and maintenance of both natural and built shade through collaboration—both to prepare for large-scale events and to deliver lasting community benefits in neighborhoods and populations most vulnerable to heat. Further, ShadeLA will be a venue for supporting new funding opportunities through civic collaboration, building off of many past programs and initiatives where the City has benefited from external non-profit partners taking on tree planting in the public right-of-way with funding from external grants, philanthropy and LADWP.

The launch of ShadeLA should be an impetus for the City to rethink how collaboration and a revamped permitting processes can support getting more trees planted in the public right-of-way.

The ShadeLA campaign directly supports implementation of the City's UFMP, complements LA28 legacy planning, and offers a coordination platform to track shade deployment, identify permitting barriers, and establish new public-private partnerships in support of citywide resilience.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council formally authorize the City's participation in the ShadeLA campaign as a City-supported and city-wide initiative aligned with the goals of the draft Urban Forest Management Plan, Heat Action and Resilience Plan, and the City's broader heat resilience and climate preparedness strategies;

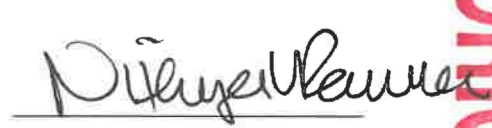
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Engineering, Department of City Planning, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Transportation, Emergency Management Department, and other departments as appropriate—to each designate a department liaison to participate in ShadeLA coordination efforts. These efforts include the identification of relevant programs, resources, and related data for ShadeLA to create and maintain a public-facing, open-source dashboard to track shade and cooling infrastructure across the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering with support from the Bureau of Street Services, Department of City Planning Office of Forest Management, and all other relevant bureaus and departments to report back within 60 days with an evaluation of existing processes and recommendations on:

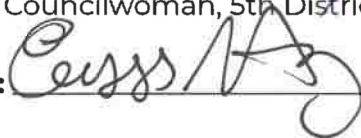
- Automation and/or streamlining of permitting processes and potential improvements related to natural shade (e.g., trees, pocket parks);
- Establishment an expedited approval for permanent or temporary shade elements including shade elements for bus benches, modular shade structures, shade sails, temporary canopies, particularly where such structures are within the public right-of-way;
- Optimal tree spacing and planting practices, and sustainable practices for maintenance and preservation of existing trees that prevents negative impact to public infrastructure; and,
- A status report and timeline from the Bureau of Street Services on the progress of adopted standard plans for the Shade Structure Program Element from the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Contract C-141478, along with an implementation plan for installing STAP Shade Structures.

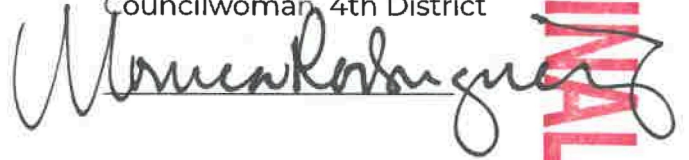
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