

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the City's participation in the ShadeLA campaign, assigning department liaisons for a shade-tracking dashboard, streamlining permitting processes related to natural shade, and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Yaroslavsky, Raman – Hernandez, Rodriguez):

1. AUTHORIZE formally the City's participation in the ShadeLA campaign as a City-supported and citywide 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.
2. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services (BSS), Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Department of City Planning (DCP), 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.
3. INSTRUCT the BOE with support from the BSS, DCP Office of Forest Management, and all other relevant bureaus and departments to report within 60 days with an evaluation of existing processes and recommendations on:
 - a. Automation and/or streamlining of permitting processes and potential improvements related to natural shade (e.g., trees, pocket parks).
 - b. 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.
 - c. Optimal tree spacing and planting practices, and sustainable practices for maintenance and preservation of existing trees that prevents negative impact to public infrastructure.
 - d. A status report and timeline from the BSS 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Against Unless Amended:
Palms Neighborhood Council.

For if Amended:
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on October 21, 2025, your Energy and Environment Committee considered a Motion (Yaroslavsky, Raman – Hernandez, Rodriguez) relative to the City's participation in the ShadeLA campaign, assigning department liaisons for a shade-tracking dashboard, streamlining permitting processes related to natural shade, and related matters.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
NAZARIAN	YES
YAROSLAVSKY	YES
JURADO	YES
RAMAN	YES
PADILLA	YES

ME

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