

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a citywide tree replacement strategy.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Price – Hernandez, Nazarian):

1. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning's City Forest Officer, with the assistance of Bureau of Street Services' (BSS) Urban Forestry Division, Climate Emergency Management Office (CEMO), and the Chief Heat Officer, to report with recommendations for a citywide tree replacement strategy. The report should include, but not be limited to:
 - a. An assessment of existing street tree conditions, including mortality rates of palms and other vulnerable species.
 - b. Recommended replacement species that are drought-tolerant, climate-resilient, provide significant shade, and are less prone to pests and disease – keeping in mind ongoing maintenance, such as sidewalk erosion protection and flora debris removal.
 - c. A strategy to prioritize planting in "shade deserts" and other heat-vulnerable and historically underserved neighborhoods.
 - d. Projections and canopy coverage goals to prepare for upcoming large-scale events such as the World Cup, Super Bowl, and Olympics.
 - e. Equitable practices for community engagement, workforce development, and long-term tree care and maintenance.
 - f. Budget estimates, funding sources, and implementation timelines.
2. INSTRUCT the BSS and CEMO to host at least two community forums in heat-burdened neighborhoods, including South Los Angeles, to gather public input on tree replacement priorities, species preferences, and maintenance needs.

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

For:

Reseda Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council

For if amended:

Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on November 12, 2025, your Public Works Committee considered a Motion (Price – Hernandez, Nazarian) relative to a citywide tree replacement strategy.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HERNANDEZ	YES
PADILLA	YES
HUTT	YES

ME

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-