

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an analysis of options to in-source, contract, and/or otherwise sustainably fund the urban forestry functions currently performed by City Plants.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Blumenfield – Yaroslavsky, Lee):

INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with support from the Department of City Planning’s Office of Forest Management, the Bureau of Street Services (BOSS), and the City Attorney, to report to Council with an analysis of options to in-source, contract, and/or otherwise sustainably fund the functions currently performed by City Plants, including recommendations for a more efficient and streamlined structure to support the City’s urban forest goals.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At its meeting held on August 18, 2026, your Budget and Finance Committee considered Motion (Blumenfield – Yaroslavsky, Lee), dated May 20, 2026, relative to an analysis of options to in-source, contract, and/or otherwise sustainably fund the urban forestry functions currently performed by City Plants. The City has maintained a strategic partnership with City Plants, a non-profit organization, to assist in convening and coordinating across a network of nonprofit partners that provide tree-related programming for the mitigation of climate change. While the City continues to rely on this partnership, City Plants has experienced persistent volatility and structural uncertainty. Consequently, the functions executed by City Plants may require a different structure to ensure long-term sustainability. Councilmember Blumenfield introduced an amendment, which was seconded by Councilmember Yaroslavsky, to include the BOSS in the instruction. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES

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