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Councilmember Jeannine Pearce

August 2, 2016

Honorable Mayor Robert Garcia and Members Of The City Council
City of Long Beach

RECOMMENDATION:

To request that the City Manager have the Parks Recreation and Marine Department and the Public Works Department review the list of trees approved for planting in parks, parkways, medians and other public properties and report back to council with a new list of approved trees

DISCUSSION:

The costs of caring for trees that are not suited to the climate in Long Beach, or their location in a parkway or median is a significant drain on city resources. As we look forward to new infrastructure and park projects funded by measure A it is important that we are using trees that are best suited to those locations.

Particular attention should be paid to the following criteria when reviewing the list:

- Drought tolerance
- The effects of the tree's roots on curbs and sidewalks
- Trimming and maintenance requirements
- The lifespan of the tree
- Preference for California natives
- Historical context of trees in neighborhoods
- Place making by tree types in neighborhoods

FISCAL IMPACT:

There could be significant savings by planting trees that are more suited to the local climate and that will not damage sidewalks and curbs.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,


Councilmember Jeannine Pearce

Councilmember Daryl Supernaw

City of Long Beach

Dated July 25, 2016