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this matter, please refer to the  
Council File No.

August 14, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File  
No. 13-0478-S1, at its meeting held August 13, 2013.

  
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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #54

PUBLIC WORKS & GANG REDUCTION

Rule 16

13-0478-S1 AUG 06 2013

MOTION

The Bureau of Engineering, the Bureau of Street Services and the Board of Public Works are in the process of preparing a comprehensive report to Council relative to gardening on City parkways including ways in which the Residential Parkway Landscaping Guidelines can be amended to expand what is currently allowable, and a review of the permitting process for gardening in parkways, with options and recommendations for policies that would allow more residents to participate (CF 13-0478).

In the interim, some residents have already begun planting vegetable gardens in the parkways in front of their residences in violation of Municipal Code Section 56.08(e) which requires parkways to be free of obstructions to allow for passage of pedestrians, emergency vehicles, etc.

In order to alleviate undue confusion about the 'parkway' code section, including allegations of uneven enforcement in different parts of the City, and while the affected City departments prepare their report to Council on this matter, it would be prudent to consider suspending enforcement of the above code section as it pertains to parkway vegetable gardens.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Public Works and the Bureau of Street Services, in consultation with the City Attorney, be requested to immediately suspend enforcement of Municipal Code Section 56.08(e) in those cases where parkways are being occupied by vegetable gardens, until a comprehensive report on this matter is presented to the Council.

PRESENTED BY: Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
HERB J. WESSON, Jr.  
Councilman, 10<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: Bernard Lopez  
Bernard Lopez

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AS Amended  
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See Attached Motion  
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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**AMENDING MOTION**

I HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND Motion (Wesson – Bonin – Parks) to INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services, as part of their report in response to Council file No. 13-0478, to look at the issue of liability to the City or shared liability with the property owner.

PRESENTED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
BERNARD C. PARKS  
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
HERB J. WESSON  
Councilmember, 10th District

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