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Section 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code provides that the City Council, the Cultural Heritage Commission, or the Director of Planning, may initiate consideration of a proposed site, building, or structure as a Historical-Cultural Monument. The Cultural Heritage Commission, after reviewing and investigating any such Council-initiated designation, shall approve or disapprove in whole or in part the proposed inclusion and submit a report upon such action to the Council.

The Canary Island Pine trees located on Martin Luther King Boulevard and all trees planted along Crenshaw, Leimert, and Martin Luther King Boulevards appear to be an important historic-cultural asset and worthy of protection.

The trees are the largest living memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and were planted eighteen years ago when a multi-racial cadre of hundreds of volunteers joined together and in a single day planted hundreds of Canary Island Pines in South Los Angeles. Led by Los Angeles' environmental nonprofit, TreePeople, volunteers committed to keep Dr. King's dream alive, and for more than twenty years they have mulched, watered and cared for the trees. Today, the results on what was formerly a treeless corridor is now visible from space.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council initiate consideration of the Canary Island Pine trees located on Martin Luther King Boulevard and all trees planted along Crenshaw, Leimert, and Martin Luther King Boulevards, as a City Historic-Cultural Monument under the procedures of Sec. 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code, and instruct the Planning Department to prepare the Historic-Cultural Monument application for review and consideration by the Cultural Heritage Commission.

I FURTHER MOVE that after reviewing the application, the Cultural Heritage Commission submit its report and recommendation to the Council regarding the inclusion of the Canary Island Pine trees in the City's list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

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