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Communication from Councilmember Huizar

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Dear Honorable Colleagues,

The sidewalk policy proposed by Councilmembers Krekorian, Buscaino, Bonin, and Martinez provides an excellent foundation for this that will allow us as a city to not only meet the requirements of the Willits settlement but also to build an infrastructure that is both sustainable and forward thinking.

As a city, we are about to embark on a 1.3 billion dollar 30 year Sidewalk Repair Program that when completed will make our city sidewalks safe and accessible to all. In doing so, we must create a program that is implemented equitably across the City each year. In order to ensure that sidewalk repairs happen equitably across the city, we must make sure that our annual work program takes into account our diverse communities and distributes funding evenly throughout all neighborhoods. I therefore would request that the committee amend recommendation #13 to add subsections (c) and (d), as follows:

13. Instruct the City Engineer to utilize both public and private labor forces working side-by-side in effectuating repairs as follows:

- (a) Employ City forces to make (i) "Access Requests" based repairs, (ii) repairs found to be a particular liability concern, and (iii) repairs to sidewalks under the City's warranty; and,
- (b) Employ private contractors to perform the remainder of sidewalk repairs by dividing the City into five regions, each consisting of 3 Council Districts, and putting each out to bid as directed by the City Engineer; and,
- (c) Divide contracted work funding equally between zones and Council Districts; and,
- (d) Consult with each Council District at the beginning of each fiscal year to develop an annual work program that best addresses the unique needs of each community and distributes resources evenly across all zones.

With the modifications listed above, we can implement a Sidewalk Repair Program that addresses accessibility citywide annually in a fair and concise manner.

Sincerely,

José Huizar  
Councilmember, 14th District