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Brief Summary: While artificial turf can always be considered an option for specific circumstances, we urge you to not take this costly step and further promote its use in right-of-ways. We stand at a critical juncture here in Los Angeles – do we choose to promote a smart, healthy future, or one that continues to harm our fragile ecosystem and future generations? The AVNC approves a CIS against CF 14-1197 which promotes the use of artificial turf in parkways.

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Council File 14-1197
Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA. 90012

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council submits the following Community Impact Statement against the
“Artificial Turf in Parkways / Standard and Proposed Implementation” Motion

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on March 12, 2015; the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council has adopted the following motion by a vote of 15 yes, 1 no, 0 abstention, and has directed that this Community Impact Statement be filed with the City Clerk’s office reflecting its position.

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council commends the efforts of the City of Los Angeles in taking action to alleviate the effects of our current drought. However, we strongly ask City Council to take a stand against the promotion of artificial turf. While on the surface, it may appear that artificial turf uses less water and is therefore preferable to use in the public right of way – including residential parkways – in actuality artificial turf would be significantly less preferable to climate appropriate choices such as native plants. Artificial turf retains more heat, cleaning still requires water, it is a petroleum-based product, it hinders stormwater infiltration, and most importantly it causes further harm to our already threatened biodiversity.

While artificial turf can always be considered an option for specific circumstances, we urge you to not take this costly step and further promote its use in right-of-ways. We stand at a critical juncture here in Los Angeles – do we choose to promote a smart, healthy future, or one that continues to harm our fragile ecosystem and future generations?

Motion by Torin Dunnivant: “I move that the AVNC approve a Community Impact Statement against Council File 14-1197 which promotes the use of artificial turf in parkways”

Seconded by: Karen Knapp