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Brief Summary: The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council submits a Community Impact Statement in favor of studying the city's urban forest and recommends steps be taken to improve public tree health.

Additional Information: A healthy and strong urban canopy is invaluable to the future of Los Angeles. Trees in an urban setting keep our city temperatures down, they encourage biodiversity, filter out air pollution, raise property values, and most importantly in our city: they play a major role in preventing local flooding and enabling groundwater infiltration. Due to severe budget cutbacks, our city is on the precipice of losing many of its urban trees



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Council File 15-0467
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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 in favor of studying the city's urban forest and recommends steps be taken to improve public tree health

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on July 9, 2015; the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council has adopted the following motion by a vote of 14 yes, 0 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 supports Councilmember Koretz's urban forestry motion (CF 15-0467). A healthy and strong urban canopy is invaluable to the future of Los Angeles. Trees in an urban setting keep our city temperatures down, they encourage biodiversity, filter out air pollution, raise property values, and most importantly in our city: they play a major role in preventing local flooding and enabling groundwater infiltration. Due to severe budget cutbacks, our city is on the precipice of losing many of its urban trees. The City of Los Angeles needs to study the needs and grow its understanding on how to preserve and restore its canopy.

Motion by Torin Dunnivant: "I move that the AVNC approve a Community Impact Statement in favor of Council File 15-0467 which studies the city's urban forest and recommends steps be taken to improve public tree health."

Seconded by: Karen Barnett