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MOTION

At the meeting of the December 6, 2018 the Board of Airport Commissioners took the following action in connection with Item 1 on the agenda: The Board of Airport Commissioners approved a three-year contract with Trimming Land Company, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,001,715 for tree trimming services at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY). This item was approved on consent with no discussion.

In doing so, the Board of Airport Commissioners found that the tree-trimming work can be performed more economically or feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees. Staff additionally considered using City of Los Angeles staff to provide the needed services. However, based on a Charter Section 1022 review, LAWA's Procurement Services Division determined that cost and operational requirements prevent LAWA or other City Departments from feasibly providing tree trimming services. As a result, the Board of Airport Commissioners determined a private contractor must perform these services.

The Board report did not offer background or analysis that led to the determination that a private contractor would be more economical or feasible, neither did it give consideration to how the quality of work performed by a private contractor would compare to work performed by city employees.

The Los Angeles City Council has provided additional funding for tree trimming via city department staff over the last several fiscal year budgets, and city arborists provide high quality tree trimming services across the City of Los Angeles. LAWA should more clearly justify the use of private contractors to do the work, rather than funding city arborists for tree-trimming on LAWA property.

Additionally, LAWA should develop a Landscape Master Plan for the Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP); and provide for irrigation of all street trees and parkways to be planted by the LAMP project, as well as provide for 6 foot minimum width tree pits on LAMP streetscapes.

I THEREFORE MOVE that pursuant to Section 245 of the City Charter (Prop 5) the Council assert jurisdiction over the December 6, 2018 Board of Airport Commissioners action in connection with Item 1 on the agenda approving a tree trimming contract with Trimming Land Company, as further described in the text of this Motion; and

I FURTHER MOVE that upon assertion of jurisdiction this matter be referred to Committee for further review; and

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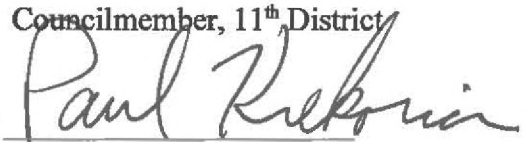
I FURTHER MOVE that LAWA report to the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee within 30 days on a plan for development of a LAMP Landscape Master Plan; including options for irrigation of all street trees and parkways within the LAMP project, and providing 6-foot minimum width tree pits.

PRESENTED BY


MIKE BONIN

Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY



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