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Every year, the Council adopts a weed and brush abatement ordinance declaring the weeds, rubbish, refuse, and dirt on specific private properties or their adjoining streets, sidewalks, and/or parkways to be public nuisances meriting abatement.

As part of this process, Council adopts the "Ordinance of Intention Parcel Listing" which lists all of the private properties with weeds, rubbish, refuse, and dirt that the City will declare a public nuisance and order the abatement thereof. This list is comprised solely of assessor parcel numbers and there is no way for residents to easily ascertain which properties near them may or may not be noticed for nuisance abatement. Moreover, Council Offices are unable to readily assess how many properties within their own districts are noticed for nuisance abatement, preventing Councilmembers from determining whether broader actions may be necessary to address issues within a specific location.

This list of properties with declared public nuisances should be front-facing and accessible to concerned residents. The City should take steps to make this information more accessible including the potential of developing web-based, interactive, searchable maps and searchable databases with addresses and Council District information.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services and the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Planning Department and any other necessary departments, be instructed/requested to report with recommendations to modernize and update the annual weed and brush abatement process to improve program transparency and accessibility.

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