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Tree trimming is an important component of healthy and vibrant communities. Regular maintenance helps monitor the health of the tree, and ensures that issues related to visibility and public safety are addressed. Moreover, properly trimmed trees enhance walkability and are a vital component of the complete streets model.

After a two year hiatus due to budget cuts caused during the recession, Council reinstated a limited tree trimming program for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and has continued this program in each subsequent fiscal year. Due to a lack of adequate staffing, this work is performed by contractors and not city forces.

Contracting for tree trimming has not been successful. In Council District 14, over 2500 trees that have been approved and funded for trimming over the past 3 years have still not been trimmed. This lack of action is unacceptable.

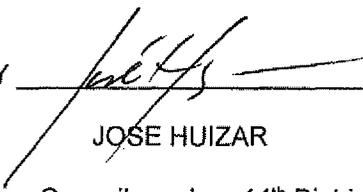
Trees authorized to be trimmed in 2011/12 fiscal year did not take place until the following fiscal year. Furthermore, trees contracted to be trimmed last year and this year have yet to take place in Council District 14.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the Bureau of Street Services report back in 30 days on the status of the both the FY 12-13 and 13-14 tree trimming contracts and provide a plan to ensure tree trimming authorized under those contracts is completed within 120 days.

I FUTURE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services develop an on-call list of emergency contractors or city forces that can be used by the city in case work is not being done correctly or in a timely manner.

I FURTHER MOVE, that flexibility should be added to the bids so that an allocation is made for a certain number of individual trees to be trimmed in each contract in order to address severely overgrown trees not in a grid. This shall be done in consultation with each Council District. Furthermore, a procedure should be developed where a set percentage of additional tree trimming at the same contract rate is required to be performed by city contractors so long as additional funds, including Council discretionary funds, are provided.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services work with the City Attorney, Bureau of Contract Administration, and any other necessary departments to report back within 30 days on how to achieve these goals.

PRESENTED BY 
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