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A recent article in the Los Angeles Times reported on a novel and exciting approach to increasing access by children and adults to libraries through the introduction of micro-neighborhood lending libraries. These micro-libraries are installed by community members in their front yards or in some instances in the public right of way, on the grassy medians between streets. These outdoor outposts for increased literacy and learning should receive our support and praise.

There is, however, a need to clarify use of the public right of way for this purpose. Some micro-libraries have received violation notices from the City's Bureau of Street Services (BSS) as the result of complaints being filed with the City.

At this juncture, it is appropriate that the Department of Public Works be directed to review the feasibility of permitting micro-libraries on the public right of way. The Council needs a clear understanding of what is currently allowable within the right of way and what solutions are available to support, foster and permit micro-libraries.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Department of Public Works, with the assistance and cooperation of the Department of Transportation, the City Administrative Officer Risk Management Team and the City Attorney be instructed to prepare and present a report within 45 days on the feasibility of permitting in the public right of way micro-libraries and that such report also review City liability issues associated with the placement of these micro-libraries.

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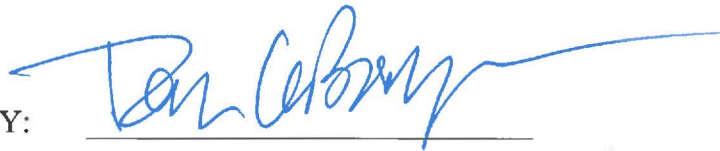


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