

MOTION

The recent First Step: Developing an Urban Forest Master Plan for the City of Los Angeles notes that standard establishment care for a newly planted tree requires 33 visits during a three year period. Such care should include weekly watering during the summer and less in the fall and winter. Adequate watering during this establishment period is crucial to ensuring healthy tree growth and the development of the City's urban forest. Prior to the current fiscal year, the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) did not have dedicated resources to plant or water new street trees. The Fiscal Year 2018-19 Adopted Budget provided BSS with tree planting and watering crews which the Bureau is currently in the process of hiring and equipping.

While the addition of these crews represents progress toward addressing the recommendations in the 2015 State of the Street Trees Report, the City must continue to explore options for ensuring that newly planted street trees receive the early establishment care necessary to ensure the growth and health of the City's street tree population.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to work with the Bureau of Sanitation and in consultation with the staff of Council District 3, to report on the feasibility of implementing a pilot project to install a rainwater cistern in a parkway and/or median island for the purpose of capturing rainwater to water newly planted trees.

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