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PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing an in-lieu fee to allow the City to plant replacement trees in the public right-of-way when a property owner is unable to plant on-site the requisite number of trees required by the City's tree planting requirements.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated March 15, 2018, adding Section 62.177 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish a tree replacement in-lieu fee to satisfy the City's tree planting requirements when a required tree cannot be planted on-site.
2. REQUEST the Board of Public Works to report on:
 - a. The progress on tree replacement and planting six months after instituting the in-lieu fee.
 - b. The tree replacement ratio, including not just a 2 to 1 ratio, but possible equivalents in replacement trees accounting for canopy size of the removed mature tree.
 - c. Alternatives to allow for more flexibility in the distribution of the trees throughout the City.
 - d. The creation of a detailed plan to accompany the aforementioned Ordinance for future tree planting, covering planting locations (e.g., streets and parks), quality of trees, and a timeline to ensure the right tree in the right place.
 - e. A long-term tree monitoring system.
3. NOT PRESENT and ORDER FILED the Ordinance dated January 24, 2018.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 21, 2018, your Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered a Board of Public Works report relative to tree replacement and planting in-lieu fee study, and City Attorney reports and revised Ordinance relative to adding Section 62.177 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code establishing an in-lieu fee to allow the City to plant replacement trees in the public right-of-way when a property owner is unable to plant on-site the requisite number of trees required by the City's tree planting requirements. An opportunity for public comment was held. After further discussion of the matter, the Committee moved to approve the Ordinance as presented by the City Attorney as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Blumenfeld".

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
RYU:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	ABSENT

ME

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