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In April of 2016, the insecticide Roundup, which is manufactured by agrochemical company Monsanto, was sprayed by Department of Recreation and Parks employees on the bluffs below Via del las Olas and El Medio, as well as along both sides of lower Temescal Canyon Park in the Pacific Palisades neighborhood of Council District 11. This spraying is not uncommon, and Department staff confirmed to the local newspaper *Palisades News*, that the insecticide is sprayed in these parks at least twice a year in an effort to reduce the number of weeds growing in hillside areas.

Roundup contains glyphosate, which is one of the most-used herbicides currently used in the United States. According to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), glyphosate is also likely a dangerous carcinogen that has been connected with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Studies have also linked the use of Roundup with bee colony collapses, monarch butterfly die-offs, Parkinson's disease, cancer cases and increased autism rates.

The use of Roundup has alarmed residents and generated concerns about public health in nearby neighborhoods, and the Department of Recreation and Parks has thankfully agreed to stop spraying Roundup in response to community concerns. Though the Department's response to the community is commendable, the Department should fully explore alternatives to spraying Roundup in neighborhoods.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks report to the City Council on the use of the insecticide Roundup and that the Department investigate alternatives to the insecticide that would better protect public health.

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