

ARTS, PARKS, AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the use of an insecticide called Roundup in parks and the feasibility of using alternative products.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Bonin - Koretz):

INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to report on the following:

- A. Findings on the use of the insecticide Roundup, and alternative products.
- B. Policy and/or guidelines to address limiting the exposure of park users and employees to insecticides immediately after application.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

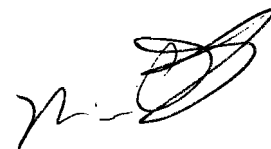
On August 1, 2016, your Committee considered Motion (Bonin - Koretz) relative to the use of an insecticide called Roundup in parks, and the feasibility of using alternative products. According to the Motion, in April of 2016, the insecticide Roundup, which is manufactured by agrochemical company Monsanto, was sprayed by RAP 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.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion with the additional instruction detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
O'FARRELL:	YES
PRICE:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RYU:	YES



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