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File No. 18-0916

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) appeal by the Friends of Westwanda Drive for a tree removal permit issued for 10034 Westwanda Drive.

SUBMITS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION the following recommendations of the Bureau of Street Services (BSS):

1. DENY the appeal by the Friends of Westwanda Drive for a tree removal permit issued for 10034 Westwanda Drive.
2. DETERMINE, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project as described in the BSS report dated June 11, 2019, attached to the Council file is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the State of California CEQA Guidelines Section Nos. 15303 and 15332, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exception to the categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section No. 15300.2 applies.
3. DETERMINE, based on the whole of the administrative record, that said Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines, Article III, Section 1, Class a, Category 1 (existing facilities), subpart (3) (operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of sidewalks) not subject to any exception.
4. INSTRUCT the BSS to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption based upon the exemption determinations stated above at Recommended Action Nos. 2 and 3.
5. SUSTAIN the Board of Public Works' March 7, 2018 action approving a tree removal permit request to remove three trees and six remnant stumps located at 10034 Westwanda Drive for construction of a two-story single family residence.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the BSS. 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 August 7, 2019, your Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered a BSS report relative to the CEQA appeal by the Friends of Westwanda Drive for a tree removal permit issued for 10034 Westwanda Drive. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to submit this matter to Council without recommendation. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RYU:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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