

FUNDING MOTION

COMMITTEE: Transportation & Infrastructure

TITLE: Expenditure for Stump/Tree Removal and Replanting

PURPOSE: To Expedite Stump/Tree Removal and Replanting for Mar Vista Community.

BACKGROUND:

The Bureau of Street Services' Urban Forestry Division has a stump/tree removal inventory for the City of Los Angeles. Unfortunately, the Bureau of Street Services is "so underfunded" that timely service cannot be provided and the Waiting List is long.

As a Neighborhood Council, we can provide funds to the Bureau of Street Services' Urban Forestry Division for expediting the removal of stumps/trees within Mar Vista, thus removing this inventory from the Waiting List.

Depending on the sizes and locations of the stumps/trees, 15-20 stumps could be removed for about \$1,160 to \$1,740 for two to three workers on one Saturday or 7-12 trees for six workers at a cost of \$3,480 for one Saturday.

Besides the size of the tree, other varying factors include inability to gain access to the tree due to non-compliance with the no parking signs and waiting for a tow truck.

Once stumps are removed, the City works with two different organizations (CityPlants.org, TreePeople.org) that assist in providing new trees for free.

The City will provide additional details once an amount has been approved for funding.

THE MOTION:

The MVCC approves providing the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services' Urban Forestry Division up to \$3,500* for the removal of stumps/trees within the boundaries of Mar Vista.

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

*This is the maximum amount that can be spent, but there is no requirement that the entire amount be spent. Due to the fiscal year ending on June 1, 2022, any additional funds from this motion could be encumbered to spend the following fiscal year. If encumbered for FY2022/2023 and not spent during that time, it would be lost to the MVCC and go back to the City's General Fund.