



State of Urban Forest

Date	November 24, 2021
To	Mayor Masters and City Councillors
From	Operations and Community Services Committee
Service Area	City Planning & Community Development
Item #	CR21-162

RECOMMENDATION

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HISTORY

At the November 17, 2021 meeting of the Operations and Community Services Committee, the Committee considered the attached report from the City Planning & Community Development Division.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

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6. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on November 24, 2021.

Recommendation #6 does not require City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,

OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE



Martha Neovard, Council Officer

11/19/2021

ATTACHMENTS

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