



## THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

### Public Works Department

City Council  
December 13, 2022

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## BACKGROUND

The City maintains approximately **185,000** trees located within public right-of-way and parks to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Current tree inventory is valued at more than **\$449 million**.



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## BACKGROUND

### Request for Proposal (RFP) & Contract

1. February 14, 2018: RFP 1775 was issued to solicit proposals from qualified tree maintenance contractors.
2. June 12, 2018: City Council awarded the contract to West Coast Arborists, Inc. for a 3-year term.
3. July 6, 2021: A first amendment was signed, extending the agreement 1-year.
4. May 4, 2022: A second amendment was signed, extending the agreement 1-year.


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## BACKGROUND


### Grid Trim Cycle

**2017:** Grid Trim Cycle was close to 11 years.

**2022:** With Measure Z funding, the Grid Trim Cycle has been reduced to between 6-7 years, but is slowly increasing due to annual cost increases because fewer trees are being trimmed.

Trees Trimmed Annually				
(based on original \$1,000,000 Measure Z funding)				
FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
13,333	12,500	11,765	11,765	11,111


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## BACKGROUND



Trees help improve the quality of air by capturing pollutants like ash and gases.



Trees help prevent flooding. One tree can absorb 2,000 gallons each year.



Trees are known to promote feelings of relaxation and well-being.



Trees provide shade that help cool down buildings, parks and pathways.



Shade provided by trees can reduce the use of air conditioning, saving people money.



Trees are known to increase property values by as much as 10%.



Frequent trimming also reduces damages from falling limbs and fronds and allows staff to focus on essential duties instead of cleanup.



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## DISCUSSION

1. On June 21, 2022, City Council approved an additional \$2,250,000 in Measure Z funding for palm tree trimming.
2. This additional funding will allow palm trees to be trimmed every 2 years.
3. Requesting to add the additional funding to the current agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc.

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## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



### Strategic Priority 4 – Environmental Stewardship

**Goal 4.5** - Maintain and conserve 30% of Riverside's natural lands in green space including, but not limited to, agricultural lands and urban forests in order to protect and restore Riverside's rich biodiversity and accelerate the natural removal of carbon, furthering our community's climate resilience.

#### Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability &  
Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Approve a Third Amendment to the Agreement for Municipal Tree Maintenance Services with West Coast Arborists, Inc. of Anaheim, California, in the amount of \$2,250,000 for a total amount of \$4,404,345 for services through June 30, 2023; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement, including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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