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CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2025

N.3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PRACTICES AND POLICIES
ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY'S TREE CANOPY

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

From: [Laura MacMorran](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: CC 12-9-25 item N3
Date: Monday, December 8, 2025 1:23:21 PM
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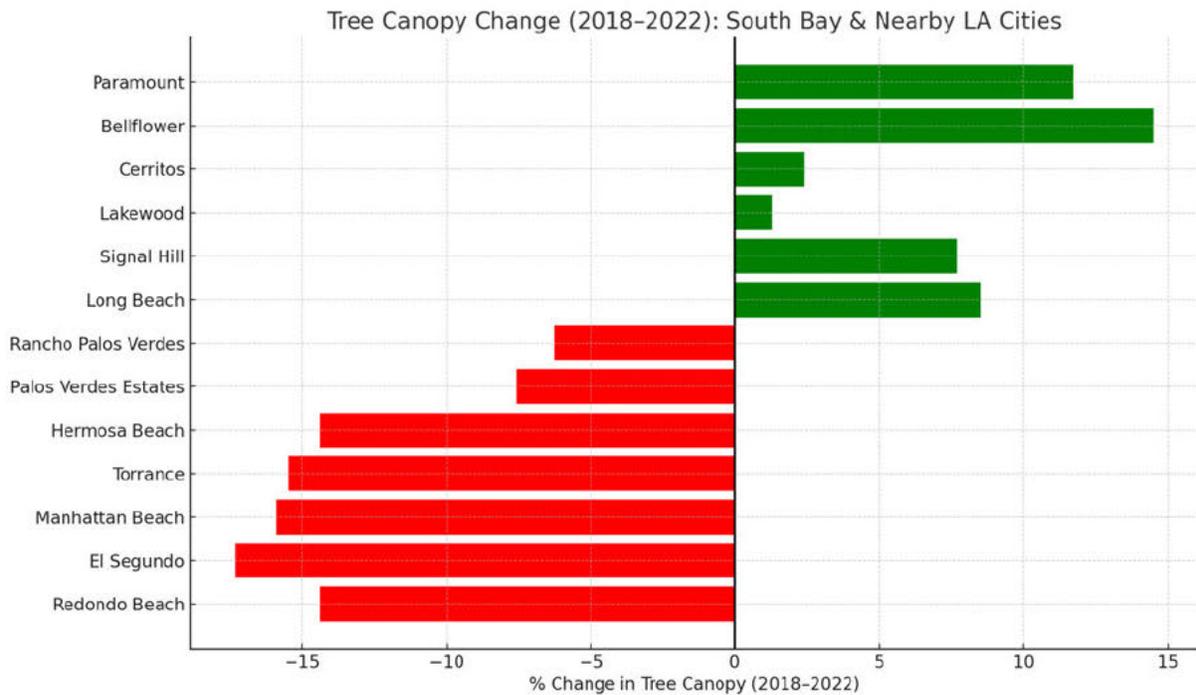
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[USDA Forestry 2018-2022 Tree...](#)

Attached please find two documents for addition to the Bluefolder

If there are questions, please let me know.

[Citizens for Redondo's Trees...](#)



Yours,

[Laura MacMorran](#)

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Timestamp	1. What is your Number 1 Tree Canopy Priority	2. In which Redondo Beach Council District do you live?	3. How can you best contribute to the cause?	4. How many hours a month can you contribute?	Optional: Anything else on your mind?	Email Address	Column 7
7/24/2025 7:38:46			0 Website, email newsletter, graphic design	3 - 8			
7/24/2025 11:19:26	planting more trees		2 attend meetings when possible, support when i ca				
7/24/2025 15:41:50	reduce urban heat island effect		3 I am a good worker bee	3 - 8	emailed my councilwoman friendly note ab		
7/25/2025 6:04:14	More trees in neighborhood yards.		3 Research public policies and regulations	1 - 3	I'd love to see the City have a tree give awa		
7/25/2025 11:57:51	More trees on in our public areas as well as more		5 Research public policies and regulations	3 - 8			
7/25/2025 14:23:10	Sensible trees for urban areas that provide coolinç		2 Advocate for Trees	1 - 3			
7/25/2025 15:13:20	air quality		5 I'm intrigued by the idea of Research Policies & Re	1 - 3	i put 1-3 hrs in #4, but I may have more tim		
7/26/2025 15:06:35	Well researched appropriate Parkway trees		4 Advocate for Trees	1 - 3			
7/28/2025 14:38:10	Planting more shade and high oxygen creating tre		3 Organizational Needs and/Fundraise	3 - 8			
7/29/2025 9:19:54	Planting and caring for new trees		5 Advocate for Trees	1 - 3	Can't believe this isn't already a priority for		
8/10/2025 20:31:05	Ensuring Redondo has a tree canopy 40 years fron		1 Research public policies and regulations	+8	I believe positive people make a difference		
8/12/2025 1:26:23	More trees, esp. natives		3 Advocate for Trees	1 - 3			
9/13/2025 14:28:46	Stop trees from being cut down AND plant more ti		Advocate for Trees	1 - 3			

CA Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection & USDA Forestry Service

Urban Tree Canopy Data 2018- 2022

South Bay and Long Beach-Area Cities' Comparison

California Urban Tree Canopy

South Bay Cities	2018 % Tree Canopy Cover	2022 % Tree Canopy Cover	% Tree Canopy Cover Change	Change in Tree Canopy Acreage from 2018-2022
Redondo Beach	9.7%	8.3%	-14.4%	-55.4
El Segundo	6.9%	5.7%	-17.3%	-41.6
Manhattan Beach	13.0 %	10.9%	-15.9%	-52.1
Torrance	9.3%	7.9%	-15.5%	-190.5
Hermosa Beach	7.5%	6.4%	-14.4%	-9.8
Palos Verdes Estates	27.0%	25.0%	-7.6%	-62.6
Rancho Palos Verdes	17.6%	16.5%	-6.3%	-95.4

Long Beach-Area Cities	2018 % Tree Canopy Cover	2022 % Tree Canopy Cover	% Change	Change in Tree Canopy Acreage from 2018-2022
Long Beach	9.5%	10.4%	8.5%	266.8
Signal Hill	7.7%	8.3%	7.7%	8.3
Lakewood	11.1%	11.2%	1.3%	8.7
Cerritos	12.0%	12.2%	2.4%	16.1
Bellflower	6.5%	7.5%	14.5%	37.5
Paramount	7.0%	7.8%	11.7%	25.3

From: [Holly Osborne](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Comments for City Council on Item N.3 (Canopy), on Dec 9, 2025
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 9:49:49 AM

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Good evening,

Holly Osborne, District 5

There is a bill, AB 2251 that was passed in 2022. This bill requires urban areas to plan to increase their tree canopy. **The goal is an increase by 10% by the year 2035.** (I read your attachments; not sure if you make it or not. I apologize; my attention has been on another "track", also concerned with "greening.")

A screen shot of the bill is at the bottom.

A tree canopy is very important in this era of climate change. For example, just a couple blocks from me (at my latitude in North Redondo) a temperature of 74 degrees F was recorded in the shade, and 87 degrees F not in the shade. **That 13 degree difference** is the difference between a small kid being able to play outside vs not being able to play outside. It is the difference between an elderly person being able to walk outside vs not walk outside.

The canopy bill below seems in conflict with some of the recent state laws narrowing set backs, since setbacks are where trees can be planted.

I would like to suggest some additional steps for our city and citizens to take, in addition to what you have already proposed. . Next year is an election year. All candidates for Sen. Allen's office and Assemblymember Muratsuchi's office should be asked (drilled) on what they plan to do to resolve this conflict. . The city should be allowed to restore their setbacks to what they were before. We should be allowed to set lot coverage limits (we did not have them before), because green grass is also essential for cooling. Ask the candidates if they are going to work for those goals. And get neighboring cities to join us.

Thank you
Holly Osborne

Screen shot of AB 2251 text:

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 4799.10.2 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

4799.10.2. (a) (1) The department shall complete a statewide strategic plan, in consultation with nonprofit organizations, cities, counties, other local governments of urban areas, and disadvantaged and low-income communities, to achieve a 10-percent increase of tree **canopy** cover in urban areas by 2035, with priority for increasing tree **canopy** cover in disadvantaged and low-income communities and low-**canopy** areas. The statewide strategic plan shall include recommendations for all of the following:

(A) State and local policies necessary to achieve the goal of increasing tree **canopy** cover in urban areas by 10 percent by 2035.

(B) Targets and actions for **canopy** increase to be completed at the regional level by 2030 in a manner that is consistent with paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 4799.10 and that supports the 2035 statewide goal.

(C) Local resources needed for the maintenance and upkeep of urban forests and strategies to secure these resources.

(D) Resources and strategies to address threats to urban forests, including climate change, extreme weather, pollution, drought and limited water resource availability, diseases, and pests.

(E) Sustainable tree **canopy** expansion within disadvantaged communities and low-income communities.

(F) Measures to reduce or eliminate net loss of any existing tree **canopy**.

(2) The statewide strategic plan completed by the department pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted to the Legislature on or before June 30, 2025.