



**TITLE:**

Tree Replacement for Library Park

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve staff's recommendation to not replace tree at Library Park.
2. Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to each item.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation.

**BACKGROUND:**

A mature Canary Island Pine tree donated by the El Segundo Women's Club (1930) located at Library Park died and was removed March 3, 2025, by West Coast Arborist.

Staff initially recommended to replace the tree and provided multiple options for trees to consider. Staff presented to the Recreation and Parks Commission during both the March 2025 meeting and the April 2025 meeting. At the meeting of April 2025, the Recreation and Parks Commission voted 3-2 on selecting the Big Leaf Maple tree as the replacement option.

Difficulty in finding and purchasing the tree resulted in planting not occurring immediately. As time delays continued, summer programming began in Library Park including the Concerts in the Park Series.

**DISCUSSION:**

During the Concerts in the Park Series several community members commented on how nice it was to not have a large tree blocking views of the performance stage. Staff also discussed that the absence of the pine tree created additional open green space that was being utilized for kids to play, etc.

After consideration, staff are recommending that a tree not be replanted in the location of the pine tree to allow the open grass area to remain. The open grass area opens the viewing area for the Concerts in the Park and creates an open corridor in the park.

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Alternatively, staff could purchase a replacement tree but plant the tree in a different location in Library Park or another city park.

**CITY STRATEGIC PLAN COMPLIANCE:**

Goal 1: Develop and maintain quality infrastructure and technology

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**ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Current photos of Library Park

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