MOTION

Ridgelines are a defining feature of the City's landscape, and the enactment of a Ridgeline Ordinance can establish development standards designed to prevent development in areas with unstable geologic conditions.

On October 24, 2011, the Planning Department prepared a report on Ridgeline Protection in response to a Motion (Koretz-Huizar), Council File No. 11-1441. The file has expired, and it was last considered by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee on July 26, 2013.

The 2011 Planning Department report on Ridgeline Protection recommended the preparation of a Ridgeline Ordinance that would be implemented through the Community Plan Update/Revision process to complete the project in a timely manner. The report also estimated that the Ridgeline Ordinance could be completed in two years as part of the Planning Department Work Program at an estimated cost of $941,789.

In addition, the Planning Department is working on updates to the Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO) and the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO). These ordinances will impact the City's ridgelines and therefore, it is important that the Planning Department prepare a Ridgeline Ordinance as part of the FY 2015-15 work program so that all three ordinances are aligned with the necessary land use regulatory controls.

It would benefit city residents and all interested stakeholders to know the location of existing ridgelines, and to enact clear standards that will protect all City neighborhoods containing ridgelines, and that will also protect neighborhoods with unprotected ridgelines.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department to prepare a report with updated cost information to prepare a Ridgeline Ordinance with development standards, inasmuch as the prior estimates were prepared in 2011 (Council File No. 11-1441), and that the Planning Department also report on the feasibility of a Ridgeline Ordinance as part of the current FY 2015-16 Planning Department work program.

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