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**Cc:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [SF for all - Lance Carnes](#); [Judy Irving](#); [schuyler horn](#); [L Johns](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: BUF's responsibility for SF street trees - hearing 10/14/21 - File No. 211018  
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**Subject:** BUF's responsibility for SF street trees - hearing 10/14/21

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Like Lance Carnes, Judy Irving, & hundreds (probably thousands) of other SF residents, I'm very frustrated by the City's lack of care for our precious trees.

SF needs a new Urban Forestry Plan. The current Plan, adopted in 2014, promised 50,000 new trees by 2034, or **17,500 trees by 2021**. The **actual net new trees in 2021 is 300!**

Nor have my neighbors and I seen any enforcement of the corporate commitment to plant & maintain a new street tree for every Internet transmission box placed on public lampposts -- the one compensation promised to residents for the corporate/government alliance to override our concerns about the impact of these boxes on our health and quality of life.

The kind of auditing work Lance did to document some shortcomings of the Bureau of Urban Forestry should be carried out regularly, city-wide, by the BUF as part of its job description.

[LCarnes BOS hearing - unwatered new SF trees 10\\_14\\_21.pdf - Google Drive](#)

I'm grateful to the supervisors who called for today's hearing, & although I can't attend in person, I look forward to learning about -- and monitoring -- what action the BUF plans to take to remedy the City's abdication of its legal, moral, & common-sense responsibility in areas including growing our canopy and watering newly planted trees.

Thank you for your attention to this problem.

Carol Verburg  
561 Greenwich St., #9

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**From:** [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Susannah Meek](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Item 2. 211018 [Hearing - SF Urban Canopy & Street Tree Maintenance Plan Updates] request to publish the status of SF urban forest management  
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Dear Government,

Our surroundings have a big impact on our well-being. Do you agree?  
If places are neglected, people in those places can feel neglected. Doesn't that logically follow?

Please respect the studies showing multiple benefits of an urban tree canopy. Please don't look away from the empty tree wells and the struggling trees. Please value our city streets as an important public space, accessible to all citizens on a daily basis.

Please provide public information and current status on how the trees on public streets in San Francisco are being maintained.

LA seems to have considered specific methods in 2018, per their Management plan (excerpted below). SF does not have any documents that appear in a google search. The only item on the internet is an agenda from SF Environment, 7 pages, which makes it appear that SF needs technical help & expertise. (excerpted below).

thank-you,  
Susannah Meek  
415-543-5505

agenda from SF Environment 4. **Promote proper care and maintenance of trees.**

Conduct annual review of tree care by City agencies. Responsibility: Annually UFC SFE

- The UFC doesn't currently evaluate tree care provided by city agencies in the Annual Report. And we don't really have a way to effectively evaluate tree care. If members have suggestions about how we could effectively meet with request, it'd be great to talk about it. Otherwise, we may have to remove this one.

**Excerpt from 2018 LA URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN**

*Tree inventory information is critical to urban forest planning, but without the aid of a tree management software application, the data can be cumbersome and ineffective. There are two possible types of tree management applications appropriate for Los Angeles: stand-alone tree management applications that are web-based, ESRI GIS compatible, include robust mobile access, are customizable, and are reliable; or enterprise-based asset management software that incorporates user-interfaces for each of a city's assets, including its trees. Each of these options has advantages, with the stand-alone software more off-the-shelf ready and costing considerably less, and the enterprise system integrating all City data into one database that is accessible by all departments for planning purposes. Standalone tree management software may cost \$35,000 or more initially, with ongoing, annual licensing fees. Enterprise systems may cost \$250,000 or more, with ongoing, annual licensing fees. The Urban Forestry Division is in the process of exploring tree management software and should coordinate with RAP so that they use the same system, or at least ensure system*

*compatibility to facilitate future urban forestry planning and monitoring*

**From:** [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Shawna J. McGrew](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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"I think I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree" you know the poem. I want to add what trees do for us.

- 1) fight climate change
- 2) home for birds, bees, insects, small animals
- 3) add value to your home
- 4) hide some really dirty streets

and much more

Please remember that the voters/tax payers voted overwhelming to have the City plant and care of are much needed TREES.

Thank You

Shawna McGrew

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**From:** [Ruth D Erznornik](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 9:15:11 AM

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Growing our urban forest is a matter of climate justice. Neighborhoods with fewer trees are more likely to be home to communities of color, lower income residents, seniors and people with disabilities. This historic lack of investment makes these neighborhoods more susceptible to extreme heat events and poor air quality.

It's time to do the right thing, and increase funding for tree planting, watering and care. If our city is going to survive and thrive 20 years from now, we need to take action today!

Thank you,

Ruth D Erznornik



**From:** [Phillip Parkerson](#)  
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**Subject:** SF must do better by our urban forest  
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