

PSC Colleague, Unfortunately I'm in out of the country and in a time zone that makes it impossible to attend today's PSC personally or via phone/Skype.

I've read all written testimony including the Urban Forestry Commission letter to PSC. I've also discussed the issue directly with Urban Forestry Commission members and am pleased the UFC will be in attendance. I've long felt we need to have more input from UFC on matters related to the city's urban forest canopy which is critical to protecting human health in the face of climate change and urban heat island impacts on humans and ecological health as well. Were I in attendance I would be a proponent and yes vote for the Title 11 extension. I'm hopeful we as a Commission will take a significant proactive role in addressing urban heat island and the nexus between protecting and expanding the city's (and region's) urban forest canopy as one of our responses to climate change. This is clearly an instance where concerns over equity, and resilience in the face of climate change (human and ecosystem) is a matter of sustainability. The PSC should be active in educating itself and the broader community about these issues and the need for proactive initiatives.

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