

Board and Commission Study Issue Form



Sunnyvale

The Study Issues process is designed to assist City Council with setting priorities for the coming calendar year. Board and commission members have two roles in this process:

1. To advise Council regarding the identification of policy issues to study, within their relevant area of authority;
2. To advise Council on those issues Council has decided to study.

The study issues process should focus on considering a new or revised ordinance, new or expanded service delivery program, changes to existing Council Policy, or amendments to the General Plan. The Study Issues Form is designed to focus board and commissioner members' ideas on potential policy study issues, and provide the opportunity for staff feedback and guidance in a transparent process. *Board members or commissioners may only fill out a form for study issue ideas within their purview.*

Date Submitted to Staff Liaison:

Board/ Commission: Parks and Recreation Commission

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Study Issue Working Title:

2025 new trees in Sunnyvale in 2025

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated this study?

With the city wanting to increase its overall canopy, how do we go about with a massive blitz of planting more than 2000 trees in one year?

This study will find ways to plant trees in city owned land, in parcels in the domain of the city such as street medians and parks, and encourage private entities to increase the cities canopy.

2. Staff Summary of Scope and/or Comments: [Staff Use Only]

In 2014, City Council approved the Urban Forest Management Plan as a general framework for managing all trees in Sunnyvale to insure the sustainability and attractiveness of the urban forest.

One of the main goals of the plan is to increase tree canopy cover to maximize ecosystem benefits provided by the urban forest. Currently, the City plants about 300 new trees a year. A one time planting "blitz" would provide a significant increase to that number, helping to boost the overall canopy percentage. The Study would consider different means, methods and costs to plant an additional 2000 or more trees in a year. The Study would also consider means, methods and related costs to establish and then maintain the trees over their life.