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The Los Angeles Community Garden Council (LACGC) is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a network of more than 47 community gardens with 2,000 members, serving more than 6,000 Angelenos. LACGC has roots throughout the One-Five and the greater Los Angeles region, ranging in geography from the Gaffey Street Community Garden to the Stanford-Avalon Garden, and the Wilmington Community Gardens. Collectively, these three gardens represent about 20 percent of all LACGC community garden members.

The Gaffey Street Community Garden is a six-acre garden that is nearly 50 years old and is located at the Gaffey Street SAFE Center (which is owned by the Bureau of Sanitation). It has more than 200 active members. The Gaffey Street Community Garden is a critical green space in San Pedro and faces significant environmental and social challenges. These challenges do present several opportunities for study and response. The garden's potential to act as a climate-smart, community-driven hub that promotes food security, cultural expression, and resilience is untapped and has not yet been studied or demonstrated. Through an evaluation of water conservation and water capture, as well as ways to mitigate extreme heat and further climate resilience, the City can partner with the community and LACGC to provide innovative, sustainable solutions.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation, in coordination with the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, to consult with the Los Angeles Community Garden Council and report back on opportunities for partnership to support innovative, sustainable solutions for the Gaffey Street Community Garden, such as a drip system incentive pilot program, water capture, compost and mulching practices, and similar innovations that can be modeled for other community gardens across the City.

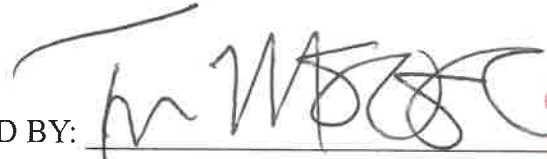
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation, in coordination with the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office and the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, to consult with the Los Angeles Community Garden Council and report back on opportunities for partnership to pilot "cool zones" for the Gaffey Street Community Garden through the development of ways to enhance the garden's ability to provide cool, safe spaces during heat waves, such as through the installation of shading structures, water features, and heat-resilient plants in community gardens, that can be modeled for other community gardens across the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation, in coordination with the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office and the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, to report back with any additional recommendations to increase sustainability and resiliency that can be piloted at the Gaffey Street Community Garden and modeled and scaled up for other gardens across the City.

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