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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

The community of South Park in Downtown Los Angeles is one of the fastest growing neighborhoods in the City. The past decade has seen the area grow tremendously, with apartment buildings and condominiums now dotting the skyline. Despite being named "South Park", there are no public parks in the neighborhood. The California State Parks Fact Finder shows that over 2,400 households in the area do not possess cars, and that there is only 0.17 acres of park land available for every 1,000 people - well below the average.

In an effort to address this issue, City staff have identified a 0.31-acre property at 1051 S. Grand Avenue (Assessor's Parcel No. 5139-008-001). This lot is currently developed as a surface parking lot and has a willing seller. City staff should be directed to negotiate the purchase of this property, and to develop an interim management plan to operate the parking lot while a park is designed.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services (GSD), with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the City Attorney, be directed to negotiate a purchase-and-sale agreement on behalf of RAP for the 0.31-acre lot located at 1051 S. Grand Avenue, Assessor's Parcel No. 5139-008-001 (Property), for the development of a public park in the South Park Community of Downtown Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that GSD be authorized and directed to process a transfer of jurisdiction of the Property from GSD to RAP, for the development of a public park.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to consider and accept the transfer of jurisdiction of this Property, and to dedicate it as a park.

I FURTHER MOVE that RAP, in coordination with the Department of Transportation, be requested to develop and interim management plan for the operation of the parking lot on site while a park project is designed.

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