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According to the 2016 LA County Park Needs Assessment, Koreatown is the most park poor community per capita in the entire City and County of Los Angeles. Koreatown is also the densest community in the City and County with a population over 100,000 residents. Currently, the community has three recreation and parks spaces operated by the City and one under construction, including Shatto Park, Lafayette Park, Seoul International Park, and the forthcoming Pio Pico Library Park.

The residents of Koreatown and the greater Wilshire Center-Koreatown community need more park and recreation space throughout the area. Although property is very expensive in the area, current facilities can only be improved and expanded so much. Due to the development activity in the area, Wilshire Center-Koreatown generates millions of dollars in Quimby funds and park fees which should be directed to projects in the area, and not spend outside of the community for a period of time. The Department of Recreation and Parks should also collaborate with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation to identify and purchase property, including grant applications for acquisition and construction, as well as solicitation of private donations that can be used for the same purpose.

I THEREFORE MOVE to INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the General Services Department and in collaboration with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation, to identify and report on recommendations to purchase property in Koreatown to build a new park that would include a state-of-the-art Arts and Recreation Center.

I FURTHER MOVE to INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to commit all Quimby funds generated within the LAPD Olympic Division's geographic boundaries for ten years to provide funding for acquisition and construction of park facilities in the community.

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