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The Watts Cultural Crescent is a partially developed 10-acre crescent-shaped green space that connects the historic Watts Station to the world-famous Watts Towers. The Cultural Crescent historically served as the central hub of Watts and connected the community to the region. The Crescent is also the geographic center of Watts. The local community has been seeking ways to expand the existing Watts Cultural Crescent in order to connect it to the Watts Towers campus as well as to create more public space that captures the area's cultural, historical and community significance.

The ownership of a number of lots in the Cultural Crescent, including the historic train station, has signaled a willingness to sell properties within the footprint of the Cultural Crescent to the City. This is an opportunity for the City to complete this public asset, and staff should be directed to negotiate with the seller on a potential purchase.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the City Attorney, City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, be directed to negotiate an agreement to purchase the following eight parcels from Watts Station, LP c/o Thomas Safran & Associates, in order to expand the Watts Cultural Crescent: Assessor's Parcel Nos 6065-022-006, 6065-022-007, 6065-022-008, 6065-023-002, 6065-023-003, 6065-023-004, 6065-023-009, and 6065-023-010.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be directed to identify funding, including any potential grant funding, that could be used to acquire the above properties.

PRESENTED BY:


TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



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