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Koreatown is the densest community in the City of Los Angeles with a population over 100,000 residents. Currently, the community has three recreation and parks spaces operated by the City and one under construction. These include Shatto Park, Lafayette Park, the forthcoming Pio Pico Library Park, and Seoul International Park. Both Shatto Park (\$3 million) and Lafayette Park (\$1.16 million) have been approved for renovations in the last few months, and the Pio Pico Library Park (\$26.6 million) is under construction and set to open in 2026. It is time the City and community turned their attention to making major changes to Seoul International Park by initiating a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a master plan that would have the potential to increase the park space by 50 percent.

Seoul International Park is a Los Angeles City Department of Recreation & Parks facility in the southern section of Koreatown offering a wide variety of youth and adult recreational programs. The park has the potential to be much larger with top notch amenities by vacating adjacent Irolo Street and a small portion of Normandie Avenue. For example, the park's current gymnasium is substandard and cannot hold a full-size basketball court without a complete rebuild. Utilizing permanent street vacations to expand park space will allow the City to focus resources on new park amenities. By dramatically increasing the size of the park, which should include the building of a new gymnasium and adjacent affordable housing, Seoul International Park will grow into the top-notch facility the community deserves and needs.

I THEREFORE MOVE to INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Recreation and Parks, to report to Council with an RFP for a feasibility study and master plan for Seoul International Park that includes the following elements:

- 1) a permanent street vacation of Irolo Street between San Marino Street and Normandie Avenue;
- 2) a permanent street vacation of Normandie Avenue between Irolo Street and Olympic Boulevard; and,
- 3) the construction of affordable housing between 986-990 Irolo Street, 992-996 Normandie Avenue, and Olympic Boulevard.

I FURTHER MOVE to INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks, to seek input on the RFP from the Seoul International Park Advisory Board, the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council, and the greater Koreatown community prior to reporting to Council.

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